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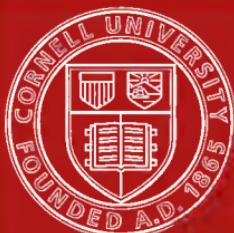
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PENNSYLVANIA.

A B S T R A C T

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF PENNSYLVANIA,

AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

BEING EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF ITS

QUARTERLY, EXTRA AND ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATIONS,

TO WHICH HAS BEEN PREFIXED,

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF

ROYAL ARCH LODGE, No. 3,

AND THE

Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons

OF PENNSYLVANIA,

1767—1864.

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Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, August 4, A. D. 1870, A. I. 2400.

Comp. MICHAEL NISBET, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . .	“ <i>King.</i>
“ JOHN WILSON, JR., . . .	“ <i>Scribe.</i>
“ PETER WILLIAMSON, . . .	“ <i>Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, . . .	“ <i>Secretary.</i>
“ J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, .	“ <i>Assist. Sec.</i>
“ JOSEPH S. GEORGE, as . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ DAVID B. TAYLOR, . . .	“ <i>Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ WILLIAM J. KELLY, . . .	“ <i>Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ Rev. JOSEPH S. EVANS, D. D. G. H. P., as . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ LOUIS WAGNER, as . . .	“ <i>Master of 3d Vail.</i>
“ HORACE FRITZ, as . . .	“ <i>Master of 2d Vail.</i>
“ HARRISON G. CLARK, as .	“ <i>Master of 1st Vail.</i>
“ WILLIAM T. TAYLOR, as .	“ <i>Marshal.</i>
“ THOMAS S. WOODBURY, as .	“ <i>Sr. Master of Cerem.</i>
“ JAMES B. FOUST, as . . .	“ <i>Jr. Master of Cerem.</i>
“ JOHN J. HEISLER, . . .	“ <i>Pursuivant.</i>
“ CHARLES SCHNIDER, . . .	“ <i>Tyler.</i>

Past Grand High Priests.

Comp. JOSEPH S. RILEY,	Comp. JOHN C. SMITH,
“ HARMAN BAUGH,	“ GEORGE W. WOOD.

On motion made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be authorized to
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have printed an abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter up to the year 1860.

Extract from the minutes.

JOHN THOMSON,
Grand Secretary.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Companions Charles E. Meyer, M. E. Grand King, John Wilson, Jr., M. E. Grand Scribe, and Francis Blackburne, as a Committee to carry out the above resolution.

REPORT.

To MICHAEL NISBET, Esq.,
M. E. Grand High Priest, &c.:

The Committee appointed to prepare an Abstract of the Proceedings of the "Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania" submit the following report:

The destruction of the Masonic Hall, by fire, in the year 1819, caused great loss to the Masons of Pennsylvania, in the burning of nearly all their old records. From the minutes of the Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we have gleaned the following up to December, 1812, from which time the records of the Grand Chapter are perfect.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to present records which prove beyond question that Chapter No. 3, (now Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3,) of Philadelphia, is the oldest Royal Arch Chapter in the United States, and that the Grand Holy Royal

Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was the first Grand Chapter organized in this country.

The earliest records of Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3, now in the possession of Lodge No. 3, dated December 3, 1767, read, "that the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved;" thus showing that there was an older book of minutes which had been mislaid or destroyed.

The minutes of Lodge No. 3 are perfect and complete from December 3, 1767, to the present date.

The *Ahiman Rezon*, edition of 1825, page 79, says:

"The first Royal Arch Chapter of America of which we possess a particular account is that held in Pennsylvania, anterior to the year 1758. This Chapter, working under the warrant of No. 3, was recognized by and had communion with a Military Chapter, working under a warrant 351, granted by the Grand Lodge of England; and its proceedings were subsequently approved by that honorable body, as appears from a communication from its Deputy Grand Master Dermott."

The records of the Grand Lodge show that, on November 23, 1795, the Grand Chapter was opened under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Chapter met under the above sanction until January 5, 1824, at which time it became independent.

As a matter of interest to the Royal Arch Masons of this jurisdiction we give the following dates of formation of several of the oldest subordinate and Grand Chapters in the United States:

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia, . anterior to 1758.

St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, Mass., . August 28, 1769.

Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown, Conn., . April 29, 1791.

Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania,	.	.	Nov. 23,	1795.
" " Connecticut,*	.	.	July,	1796.
" " Rhode Island,*	.	.	March 13,	1797.
" " Massachusetts,*	.	.	March 13,	1798.
" " New York,*	.	.	March 13,	1798.

General Grand Chapter of the United States, January, 1798.

On examining the proceedings of the Grand Chapter we find that those for 1861, 1862 and 1864 were never published; while of those for 1860 and 1863 very few, if any, copies are to be had. Believing it to be the intention of the resolution that there should be a correct and continued history of the Grand Chapter proceedings, we have assumed the responsibility of making this report up to and including the year 1864.

We have arranged the records under the following heads:

EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF

"THE ROYAL ARCH LODGE, No. 3;"

"THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA;" and

"THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA."

We are satisfied the extracts will prove of deep interest to the members of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and to Royal Arch Masons wheresoever dispersed throughout the globe.

Fraternally, &c.,

CHARLES E. MEYER,

JOHN WILSON, JR.,

FRANCIS BLACKBURNE,

October 15, 1870.

Committee.

* From returns to General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

EXTRACTS FROM THE TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3,

HELD AT PHILADELPHIA,

A. D. 1767, A. L. 5767--A. D. 1787, A. L. 5787.

EXTRACTS FROM THE TRANSACTIONS
OF THE
Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3.
Held at Philadelphia, Pa.

December 3, 1767.—Brother John Hoodloss, proposed by Brother Henry Dawkins and Brother George Hawkins, it appearing by good authority he has been duly and lawfully entered, passed and raised at Fort Pitt, in the year 1759, by our Brethren John Maine, James Woodward and Richard Ladly, all Royal Arch Masons.

June 2, 1768.—To sundry small articles in the preparation for the Royal Arch, 7s. 10d.

July 18, 1768.—To cash for materials and expenses, fixing the vails, &c., &c., £1 2s. 3d.

July 30, 1768.—To Treasurer's jewel and two triangles, £1 19s.

August 20, 1768.—To cash to the smith for iron work for the arch, 8s. 6d.

December 27, 1773.—Saint John's Day. The Lodge, in ample form, opened at 4 o'clock. Installed our Master, Brother James Fulton, and his officers, for the next ensuing half year, according to election. The brethren of the Royal Arch belonging to our Lodge, No. 3, and all the rest of the brethren present, are unanimous in their opinion of our late Worshipful Master, Alexander Kidd, that he has merited and is worthy of the dignity of the Royal Arch being conferred on him. Closed at half-past six, and spent in friendship, brotherly love and good harmony.

March 17, 1774.—Brother Stewart sent for the pedestal, floor-cloth, crowns, sceptres, &c., in order to lend them to the Royal

Arch body at the barracks, to open a Royal Arch Lodge. It was balloted for whether he should have them or not, and he was refused.

September 29, 1774.—Brother Woodrow, by order of his Lodge, No. 351, has demanded three crowns, two coronets, one mitre, three sceptres, two floorcloths, and a pedestal with a lid, alleging these articles are the property of said Lodge 351. The Worshipful thought proper to postpone his answer to said demand until next lodge-night, as he did not then know whose property they were.

February 2, 1775.—Brother Woodrow applied for some utensils belonging to the Royal Arch body, who some years ago went to Illinois, and by them given to Brother Stewart. The Worshipful could not give Brother Woodrow an answer, as his demand was a matter that could not properly come before a private Lodge.

June 22, 1775.—The brethren present returned their thanks to our Worshipful Master for his good behavior and diligence during the time of his being Master of this Lodge, and we the Royal Arch Masons, and the rest of the body, think him worthy of being admitted to that honor.

December 19, 1786.—Moved and seconded that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Royal Arch for the payment of rent for the use of room; upon which Brothers Delancy and Williams were appointed for that purpose.

January 16, 1787.—The Committee appointed to settle the terms on which the Royal Arch meet in this room are continued.

March 20, 1787.—The Committee appointed to settle the terms with the Royal Arch respecting the use of their room, reported that they agree to give five pounds per annum, commencing from —.

August 21, 1787.—Brother Few presented an order on William Woodhouse, Treasurer of Lodge No. 9, for 40s., in part of the rent owing by the Royal Arch.

October 16, 1787.—On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the members of No. 3, who are Royal Arch Masons, shall have liberty to meet in this room the first Saturday night in every month.

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

OF THE

Grand Lodge

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF PENNSYLVANIA,

AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING,

A. D. 1791, A. L. 5791—A. D. 1836, A. L. 5836.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES
OF THE
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11, 1791, A. L. 5791.

The R. W. J. BAYARD SMITH, *Grand Master*, presiding.

The Committee of the several Lodges presented a statement, accompanied with proper vouchers, of the expenses attending the moving and fitting-up the present lodge-room, (in the Free Quaker Meeting-House, S. W. cor. of Fifth and Arch streets,) amounting together to £65 11s. 10d., which, divided between the Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19 and the Royal Arch Lodge, makes thirty-five dollars for each, &c., &c.

December 3, 1792.

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, *Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee to propose a plan for the future meetings of the several Lodges report: That they have taken the matter into consideration, and recommend that the following days shall be appropriated for the use of the several Lodges, as followeth, viz.:

Grand Lodge, on the first and third Mondays.

Sublime Lodge, on the first and third Wednesdays.

Royal Arch, on the first and third Saturdays.

Lodge No. 2, on the second and fourth Mondays.

Lodge No. 3, &c., &c.

Adopted.

EXTRA GRAND LODGE

*Of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of
Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
According to the old Institutions.*

GRAND LODGE ROOM,
Corner of Arch and Fifth Streets,
PHILADELPHIA, November 17, 5795.

PRESENT:

The R. W. WILLIAM BALL, Esq., *Grand Master.*
The R. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, Esq., *Deputy Grand Master.*
The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., *Past Grand Master.*
The R. W. THOMAS TOWN, *Senior Grand Warden.*
The R. W. JOHN POOR, *Junior Grand Warden.*
The R. W. THOMAS ARMSTRONG, Esq., *Grand Secretary.*
The R. W. JOHN McELWEE, *Grand Treasurer.*

Thirteen Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. A letter was received and read, signed by Brother Matthias Sadler as Grand High Priest of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, by him said to be established under the several warrants of Lodges Nos. 19, 52 and 67, held in the city of Philadelphia.

A petition signed by two members of Lodge No. 52, one of which was Brother Grand Secretary, was presented and read, stating some irregular proceedings on the part of the Master and some members thereof.

At the same time a complaint was entered by some members of the Grand Lodge, as well against said Lodge No. 52 as also Lodges Nos. 19 and 67.

Whereupon, on motion, and seconded,

Resolved, That the warrants of Lodges Nos. 19, 52 and 67, be called in and delivered to the Grand Secretary, and suspended until the next Grand Communication—and until further orders of this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary be requested to call on the Masters of said Lodges and demand the aforesaid warrants immediately.

On motion, and seconded, the following brethren, namely, the R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., late Grand Master, the R. W. Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden, the R. W. John Poor, Junior Grand Warden, Brother Daniel McCaraher, the late Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 9, and the R. W. Peter Le Barbier

Duplessis, Esq., late Grand Secretary, were appointed a Committee to inquire into the facts set forth in the petition from the two members of Lodge No. 52,—and into any other facts that may have relation to the introduction of a schism among the Lodges in Pennsylvania, and to propose such measures as may have a tendency to prevent any schism in future—and that they be requested to make report on Monday next, at 9 o'clock A. M., to which time this Grand Lodge adjourned.

GRAND LODGE met pursuant to adjournment,

MONDAY, November 23, 5795.

PRESENT:

The R. W. WILLIAM BALL, Esq., *Grand Master.*

The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esq., *Deputy Grand Master.*

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., *Past Grand Master.*

The R. W. THOMAS TOWN, *Senior Grand Warden.*

The R. W. JOHN POOR, *Junior Grand Warden.*

The R. W. THOMAS ARMSTRONG, Esq., *Grand Secretary.*

Nine Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee appointed on the petition of the members of Lodge No. 52, &c., informed the Grand Lodge that they were ready to report.

On motion, and seconded,

Resolved, That the officers and members of the Lodges whose warrants were suspended be permitted to sit in this Grand Lodge during the reading and discussion of the report of the Grand Committee, but that they be not allowed to take any part in the discussion of the said report; whereupon the following brethren were admitted to seats during the said discussion, viz.: Brother Matthias Sadler, late Worshipful Master of No. 19; Brother Elisha Fisher, of the same Lodge; Brother Ebenezer Hichling, late Worshipful Master of No. 52; Isaac Price, Thomas Amies, William Franklin, Cadwallader Griffith, George Morton, Daniel Gesford and Thomas Armstrong, members of the same Lodge; Brother Andrew Baum, late Worshipful Master of No. 67, and Brother George Willig, of the same Lodge.

The R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., late Grand Master, presented the report of the said Committee; and, on motion, and seconded, the same was read, as follows:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master

*And the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania,
And of Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:*

The Committee appointed on the 17th inst. to inquire into the facts set forth in the petition from the members of Lodge No. 52, and into any other facts that may have relation to the introduction of schism among the Lodges in Pennsylvania, and to propose such measures as may have a tendency to prevent schism in future, report:

That they have paid all attention to the objects of their appointment which the importance and magnitude of them require; and so far as it is proper to commit any thing to writing, this report will contain the substance of their inquiries, reserving to themselves to make verbal statements of all other matters.

The Committee report the following facts respecting a pretended new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, attempted to be instituted in this city.

1. That it is declared and avowed by the members of the pretended new Chapter that they differ from the ancient mode of working in this city, insomuch that they cannot agreeably to their principles admit to visit their said Chapter any of the old-established Arch Masons—and they have in fact refused so to do in divers instances—and that those not in union with them may be conducted through a considerable part of their work, unsubjected to any restraint.

2. That the innovations were introduced by an individual, by the name of James Molan, who is admitted and acknowledged to have been the *only person* in this city who pretended to know the degree as given in the said new Chapter, and who has not been able to furnish credentials of his having ever been regularly made a Mason in *any degree*, and on different occasions has given contradictory accounts.

3. That the Chapter held under the authority of No. 52 was improperly and arbitrarily declared to be dissolved, as well by the presiding officer thereof as by the Worshipful Master of No. 52—the new scheme introduced in lieu thereof, without authority

of that Lodge, and the written protestations of certain members thereof notwithstanding.

4. That the said James Molan, not a member of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, having himself, without assistance, made two persons by the names of Brown and Denys, those three opened what they call a Chapter under the pretended sanction of No. 19's warrant, used for that purpose without the authority of that Lodge being first obtained.

5. That the said Molan and his associates, in the absence of the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 67, and without his consent or knowledge, or the officers or members, availed themselves of the sanction of the warrant of his Lodge, to introduce this mode of working.

6. That several brethren having been thus pretendedly *arched* by Molan and his associates, and getting these three warrants under this Grand Lodge into their possession, and having *arched* two brethren, one from Maryland and the other from Georgia, and considering those as having the force of three Lodges, under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and of one under that of Georgia, and one under that of Maryland, they resolved themselves into a pretended Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

7. That now having, as they suppose, erected under the sanction of five regular constituted Lodges, their Grand Chapter, they pretend not only to work without the sanction of any warrant, but arrogate a power to grant from themselves warrants to others, and do not acknowledge themselves to be under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

8. That sundry members of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, who were Companions of the established Chapters, have attached themselves to Molan and acknowledged his assumed powers and pretended Chapter.

9. That the Master of No. 67, Brother Baum, has given full and ample testimony to your Committee that his error has only arisen from want of caution and misapprehension of the advice and opinion of some *old* brethren, and that so far as his name and concurrence appear connected with these irregular proceedings, it has been in a great measure without his knowledge and approbation; and further, that on finding the imposition and evil tendency of the measures, he withdrew himself and has given the most ready obedience to every order and requisition, and an un-

equivocal evidence of his resolution to persevere in discountenancing any such proceedings.

Whereupon your Committee propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the said James Molan ought not to be considered and received as a Mason by the Lodges or brethren under your jurisdiction, and that his conduct in assuming a character and powers not belonging to him has had a tendency to mislead many worthy brethren, to introduce an unhappy schism amongst the Lodges, and ought to be discountenanced.

Resolved, 2. That neither of the three Lodges under your jurisdiction has authorized the pretended workings of Molan or his followers in the Royal Arch degree, and that the presence of two brethren from other States unknown to us and assisting in these practices without the concurrence of their Lodges, even if they were respectively Masters of Lodges under other jurisdictions, could not give validity to their proceedings, and was irregular and disorderly, and tending to destroy the harmony of the brethren in this State and that which has hitherto so happily existed between the Lodges and brethren of the several States.

Resolved, 3. That therefore the said pretended Grand Royal Arch Chapter cannot be considered as legal, and that the brethren should be ordered to withdraw from and discountenance the same; and that in the meantime no brother who has joined in their proceedings shall be admitted into any Lodge under this jurisdiction until he shall have made such satisfaction as shall be deemed sufficient by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Resolved, 4. That the suspension of the three warrants, so far as respects the faithful brethren, be withdrawn, and that the R. W. Grand Master be requested and authorized to do whatever may be necessary and proper for enabling such brethren of those Lodges to carry on the work of their Lodges, and, if necessary, to elect and constitute new officers.

Resolved, 5. That Brother Baum, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 67, ought not to be considered as subject to any censure of this Grand Lodge, but shall be in full and good standing.

Resolved, 6. That your Committee have designedly not entered into a discussion respecting the names of the individual brethren who have been culpable on this occasion, from a wish to avoid unnecessary severity, and yet, as it is to be feared some have erred from a disposition inimical to the good order and harmony of the craft, the Committee recommend that the Lodges be ordered to

report to a Committee, to be appointed by the Grand Lodge, the names of all such as have been concerned therein, that further inquiry may be had into their respective conduct.

Your Committee propose also the following resolutions:

Whereas, The supreme Masonic jurisdiction over all Lodges of Ancient York Masons, held in Pennsylvania, has uniformly been and is duly and legally vested in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania;

And whereas, The officers of the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge are constitutionally members of the Grand Lodge, although they may not have obtained any degree above that of Master Mason;

And whereas, It is the acknowledged right of all regular warranted Lodges, so far as they have ability and numbers, to make Masons in the higher degrees, and as it is possible that some differences may exist or innovations may be attempted to be introduced in those higher degrees, which for want of some proper place of appeal may create schism among brethren;

And whereas, Since many years there has been established in this city, according to ancient forms, a Royal Arch Chapter, under the sanction of the warrant of Lodge No. 3, whose work has met with the approbation of all visiting Royal Arch Masons from the different parts of the world;

And whereas, The number of Royal Arch Masons is greatly increased, insomuch that other Chapters are established in this city and in other parts of Pennsylvania;

And whereas, It was always contemplated that such Chapters, regularly held, should be under the protection of this Grand Lodge;

And whereas, It is the prevailing wish of the Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction that a Royal Arch *Grand Chapter* should be opened under the authority of this Grand Lodge:

Be it therefore, and it is hereby resolved, That a GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER be opened, under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Be it further resolved, That all past and existing officers of the Grand Lodge having duly obtained the degree of Royal Arch, and all past and existing officers of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, duly and regularly convened under the sanction of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be considered as

members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and that all members of regular Chapters shall be admitted to their meetings, but not have any vote nor speak to any question, unless requested.

Be it further resolved, That the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold one stated annual meeting on the day preceding St. John the Evangelist in each year, and occasional Chapters when necessity requires; and shall have powers to elect all its officers, saving that the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for the time being, if of that degree, shall always preside as High Priest; that the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter make its own by-laws, and shall hear and decide upon all complaints and appeals from Chapters held under warrants, to be issued under the authority of the Grand Lodge. But the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall not at any time raise any brother to the degree of Royal Arch.

J. B. SMITH,
THOMAS TOWN,
JOHN POOR,
DANIEL McKARAHER,
P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

*Philadelphia, the 23d day of November, }
Anno Lucis 5795. }*

And the same being read a second and third time and debated on by paragraphs;

Thereupon, on motion, and seconded, the said report was unanimously adopted, and the resolutions therein contained were unanimously agreed to.

On motion, and seconded, *Resolved*, That Brother Matthias Sadler be furnished with a copy of the said report and resolutions.

On motion, and seconded, Brothers Wadman, Bankson, Town, McKaragher, Poor and Milnor were appointed a Committee to carry into effect the sixth resolution.

On motion, and seconded, *Resolved*, That two hundred copies of the report of the Grand Committee and of the proceedings thereon, as also the proceedings of this Grand Lodge on the 17th inst., be printed and transmitted to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction, and to such Grand Lodges in Europe, and the different States in America and elsewhere, with whom this Grand Lodge corresponds.

EXTRA GRAND LODGE,

November 30, 1795.

PRESENT:

The R. W. WILLIAM BALL, Esq., *Grand Master.*
 The R. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, Esq., *Deputy Grand Master.*
 The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., *Past Grand Master.*
 The R. W. THOMAS TOWN, *Senior Grand Warden.*
 The R. W. JOHN POOR, *Junior Grand Warden.*
 The R. W. THOMAS ARMSTRONG, Esq., *Grand Secretary.*

Eight Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in ample form; the minutes of this Grand Lodge on the 17th and 23d inst. were read. The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge on the 23d inst. to carry into effect the sixth resolution contained in the report of the Grand Committee, and adopted by the Grand Lodge on the said 23d instant, reported:

That on the 27th instant, a Committee delegated from the brethren of the new Royal Arch Chapter met them in conference, the result of which your Committee submit to the R. W. Grand Lodge, viz.:

November 27, 1795.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, appointed the 23d instant, and several brethren of the new Chapter in conference:

The following resolutions of a Committee from the lately established Chapter were agreed to by their conferrees on behalf of the whole Chapter, viz.:

Resolved, That we consent and agree to dissolve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter formed under the warrants of Lodges Nos. 19, 52 and 67.

Resolved, That as Masons, we acknowledge the supreme jurisdiction over all Lodges in Pennsylvania to be vested in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that without the sanction of a warrant from or the authority of the said Grand Lodge, no Lodge or Chapter can be legally opened or held within the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge.

Signed by Brothers MATTHIAS SADLER,

ISAAC PRICE,

CADWALLADER GRIFFITH,

GEORGE MORTON.

The Committee of the Grand Lodge, in consequence of the above resolutions, do recommend the following resolution, expressly leaving the said Chapter in the situation it now is if this resolution is not adopted:

Resolved, That there now exists a perfect harmony among the brethren in Pennsylvania, and that the several brethren who have been suspended be and are hereby restored, and that all matters and things done in the Grand Lodge, affecting the private and individual rights of the said brethren, be and are hereby done away and repealed.

Signed by Brothers PRAISE WADMAN,
THOMAS TOWN,
JOHN POOR,
JACOB BANKSON,
DANIEL McKARAHER,
JAMES MILNOR.

On motion, and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge accede to the two resolutions of the Committee appointed on behalf of the brethren of the late established Royal Arch Chapter.

Whereupon, on motion, and seconded, *Resolved unanimously*, That the resolution reported by the Committee of the Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby unanimously adopted.

On motion, and seconded, *Resolved*, That the warrants which have been suspended be restored, and the suspended members who have joined the late Grand Royal Arch Chapter be also restored to their former situation and dignity under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and the said warrants were restored to their representing officers, who were accordingly admitted to their seats, and recognized as in full and good standing.

Whereupon, the R. W. Grand Master congratulated the restored Lodges and the brethren thereof upon the renewal of harmony, and gave such advice as was suited to the occasion.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to make the minutes of this communication as publicly known as those of the preceding meetings of this Grand Lodge. The mode and manner of which was left to the Grand Secretary, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master was requested to assist him.

EXTRA MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE,
PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT,

May 30, 1796.

The R. W. GAVIN HAMILTON, *Deputy Grand Master*, in the chair.

Despatches from the R. W. Grand Lodge of England were received by Brother Grand Secretary, and presented to the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, which were read, containing the Rules and Regulations for the Government of their Holy Royal Arch Chapter, as supported by the Ancient Grand Lodge of England; also, the Transactions of the said Grand Lodge for the years 1794 and 1795, &c., &c., all enclosed in a letter, which, being read, was ordered to be entered on the minutes of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and is in the words following, viz.:

*Right Worshipful and
Much Esteemed Brothers:*

We are favored with your despatches of the 26th of November last, with duplicates of your former letters, and of 17th of August, 1794, the originals of which never came to our hands, otherwise they would have been readily answered, with every information, advice and assistance that our R. W. Grand Lodge could possibly give to you upon the occasion. Your R. W. Grand Lodge, the guardians and protectors of the immunities and privileges of the Society, invested with ample power for the good government of the warranted Lodges in all degrees of Masonry under your jurisdiction, could not without the highest injustice to the Ancient Craft but have acted with that firmness and justice which you have manifested upon the pretended assumption of a Grand Lodge or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons being formed independent of and without the sanction of your R. W. Grand Lodge.

The justice and moderation of your proceeding, however painful to you or to us for the time being, certainly has and will ever have our most sincere and hearty support. Truth and justice, with perseverance, will always prevail, and produce the happy effect, particularly in the Masonic world, of uniformity; harmony and order will ever be the means of handing those valuable blessings to posterity unchanged and without schism.

We have very much to regret the loss of your former despatches, as before now you would have been in full possession of every necessary information and regulation adopted and taken by our R. W. Grand Lodge, particularly respecting that of the highest degree of Masonry, the Royal Arch, and which we are happy to assure you is conducted with us with the most happy effect, conducive to the general uniformity and good order of the whole Masonic body in this kingdom.

We herewith enclose you the last revisal of our Regulations and Orders in this particular, which has met with the sanction of our R. W. Grand Lodge, and the unanimous approbation of the brethren, with a proof copy of our Royal Arch certificate.

We have opened a brotherly correspondence and union with the Grand Lodge of New York as well as Maryland, and will be happy and are anxious and desirous of doing so with the other R. W. the Grand Lodges legally formed and in union with you in the different States of America, and we trust and confide in your zeal and attachment in the forming a compact, the utility of which must be so very conducive to the uniformity and preservation of the Ancient Craft in both countries.

By order of the Grand Lodge.

We are, with sentiments the most regardful,
And wishes the most sincere
For your collective and individual happiness,

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

THOMAS HARPER,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

March 5, 1798.

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, *Grand Master*, in the chair.

A copy of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter established under the authority of this Grand Lodge was received, read and approved of, as follows:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

Held under the protection of, and supported by, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, unanimously agreed to and established at a Grand Chapter held in Philadelphia, February 24, 1798, and confirmed in Grand Lodge, 5th March, 1798.

Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees: the three first of which are that of the *Apprentice*, the *Fellow-Craft* and the sublime degree of *Master*; and a brother being well versed in these degrees, and having discharged the offices of his Lodge, particularly that of *Master*, and fulfilled the duties thereof with the approbation of the brethren of his Lodge, is eligible, on due trial and examination by the Chiefs of the Chapter to whom he shall have applied and by them found worthy, of being admitted to the fourth degree, *The Holy Royal Arch*.

It follows, of course, that every regular warranted Lodge possesses the power of forming and holding Lodges in each of those several degrees; the last of which, from its preëminence, is denominated amongst Masons *a Chapter*.

That the said Chapters of the Holy Royal Arch may be established, held and conducted with the regularity, discipline and solemnity becoming the sublime intention with which they have from time immemorial been held as an essential component part of *Ancient Masonry*, and that which is the perfection and end of the Beautiful System, the Excellent Masons of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, according to the *old institutions*, assembled and constitutionally convened in General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, have carefully collected, revised and adopted the following regulations for the government thereof; that under the sanction of the Grand Lodge they may be transmitted to every regular warranted Lodge on the register, and be solemnly and finally made a part of the Book of Laws and Regulations for the Craft.

I. That no Chapter of Holy Royal Arch shall be held or convened within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, but under the authority and sanction of a regular subsisting warrant granted by the Grand Lodge according to the old institutions, and by the consent of said Lodge first signified to the Grand Chapter.

II. That no Chapter of Holy Royal Arch shall be convened and held for the purpose of making Royal Arch Masons, unless six regular registered Royal Arch Masons be present.

III. That no brother shall be admitted into the Holy Royal Arch but he who has regularly and faithfully passed through the three progressive degrees, and has filled and performed the office of *Worshipful Master* in his Lodge to the satisfaction of his brethren, or *passed the chair by a dispensation of the R. W. Grand Master upon the recommendation of his said Lodge*; to ascertain which they shall deliver to him in open Lodge a certificate to the following purport:

*"To the presiding Chiefs of the
Chapter of Excellent Royal Arch Masons
Under the sanction of Lodge No. : "*

*"Whereas, Our truly and well-beloved brother, , a Geometric Master Mason and member of our Lodge, has solicited us to recommend him as a Master Mason, every way qualified, so far as we are judges of the necessary qualifications, for passing the *Holy Arch*; we do hereby certify that the said , our trusty and well-beloved brother, has obtained the consent of our Lodge No. , for the recommendation and signing of this certificate."*

Given under our hands and the seal of our said Lodge, this day of , 17 , Anno Lucis 57 .

{ L. S. }

A.	<i>M.</i>
B.	<i>S. W.</i>
C.	<i>J. W.</i>

Secretary.

IV. That a General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch shall be held half-yearly on the third Monday in June and December in each year: that every warranted Lodge shall be directed to summon its Excellent Royal Arch members to attend the same, and that none but past and present officers of Chapters duly and regularly formed under the sanction of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and registered, and past and present Grand Officers (being Royal Arch Masons) shall be members thereof; and Royal Arch Masons, members of private Chapters and certified sojourners, to be admitted as visitors only.

V. That for the better preservation of the supreme degree of Freemasonry a register shall be kept by the scribes of all brothers admitted to the Most Excellent degree; and a return of brothers so admitted by the private Chapters of their own or other Lodges, mentioning the names and times of exalting every brother, shall be presented at the General Grand Chapters held half-yearly as aforesaid, to be entered in the register book of the General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch.

VI. That General Grand Chapters may be held more frequently if occasion may require, application for that purpose being made by at least six excellent Masons to the Grand Chiefs, or on the direction being given by the presiding Grand Chief. But at such General Grand Chapters of emergency no established law shall be altered, and no new law that may be made shall be conclusive and binding until ratified and confirmed by a regular half-yearly General Grand Chapter. But at such General Grand Chapters of emergency certificates for registry may be granted.

VII. That on the admission of a new brother the form of the return to the General Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

“ We, the three Chiefs whose names are hereunto subscribed, do certify that in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, convened and held under the sanction and authority of the warrant of the Worshipful Lodge No. , our beloved brothers A. B., C. D., E. F. and G. H. having delivered to us the proper certificates, and proved themselves, by due examination, to be well qualified in all the three degrees of Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, and to have passed the chair, were by us admitted to the supreme degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons.”

Given under our hands and the seal of our Chapter this
day of , in the year of Masonry 57 , and in the
year of our Lord 17 .

L. S.

A. Z. }
B. H. } *Chiefs.*
C. J. }

Scribe.

VIII. That all registered Royal Arch Masons shall be entitled to a Grand Royal Arch certificate on the payment of two silver dollars of the United States for the same, which shall be applied as follows, to wit: a dollar and thirty-three cents for the Grand

Scribe, he paying the expense of printing, parchment, ribbon, &c., &c., and sixty-seven cents for the use of the General Grand Chapter.

IX. That the expenses of General Grand Chapters for Tylers, summonses, &c., shall be borne from the fund of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

X. That towards defraying the expenses of private Chapters a sum not exceeding eight dollars shall be charged on and paid by the brother admitted at any Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, one dollar whereof shall be paid to the general grand fund on the registering of the brother, and twenty-five cents to the Grand Scribe, and the rest to be applied according to the direction of the private Chapters.

XI. That a member of any particular Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, recommended by the Master Wardens and Secretary in open Lodge, and after due trial and examination, the brother being a Master Mason and duly registered, as shall appear under the hands of the Grand Secretary, and having passed the chair, shall, if approved by the Royal Arch Chapter to whom the brother is recommended, be admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent or Royal Arch Mason; and that sojourners, not residents of the State of Pennsylvania, recommended by at least three well-known Past Master Masons or Most Excellent Royal Arch Masons, and on the approbation of the Chapter to whom they shall have applied, after due trial and examination as aforesaid, shall also be admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent or Royal Arch Masons.

XII. That excellent brothers, producing proper certificates from any Chapter under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, in which they were admitted, to the satisfaction of the Grand Chiefs in Philadelphia, the Grand Scribe or any two of them, shall be entitled to be registered and receive a Grand Royal Arch certificate immediately if required, for which the Grand Scribe shall make his report at the next Grand Chapter.

XIII. That at the half-yearly General Grand Chapter, held in December in every year, the said General Grand Chapter shall elect their officers, saving that the R. W. Grand Master for the time being, if of that degree, shall always preside as first Grand Chief, make their own by-laws, and shall hear and decide upon all complaints and appeals from Chapters held under

warrants granted or to be granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. But the said Grand Chapter shall not at any time raise any brother to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, unless in cases of emergency, which shall be jndged by the Grand Chiefs, or any two of them, and the moneys thus received shall be applied to the grand fund as hereinbefore directed with regard to private Chapters.

XIV. The Grand Chapter held in December in each year shall elect three Excellent Masters to assist the Grand Officers in visiting Lodges, &c., that the general uniformity of Ancient Masonry may be preserved, and handed down unchanged to posterity.

A true copy:

P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, G. S.

March 15, 1801.

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, *Grand Master*, in the chair.

The following proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, held in the city of Philadelphia, February 21, 1801, were received and read, to wit:

The M. E. Grand Chief informed the Chapter that he had convened the Companions for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed on the 18th of December last to make the necessary inquiries concerning certain proceedings in the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, wherein Brother Collins had been exalted, though he were not a regnlar Past Master; which report was presented, read and unanimously adopted, as follows:

*To the M. E. General Grand Chapter of
Holy Royal Arch of Pennsylvania:*

The Committee appointed to make the necessary inquiries concerning the proceedings of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, held under the warrant of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, and empowered to demand and examine the minute-book of the said Chapter; also to visit the Holy Royal Arch Chapters held in the city of Philadelphia, beg leave to report:

That in compliance with their appointment they have demanded of Companion Cadwallader Griffith, the First Chief of the afore-said Chapter, their minutes-book, which was brought by Com-

panion Franklin, their Scribe, in company with the said Companion Griffith, to the house of Companion William Nelson, one of your Committee, on the 13th of January last, when your Committee did carefully examine the said minutes-book, from which they have made the following extracts for the information of this M. E. Grand Chapter:

April 5, 5799.—Brother Passey, Past Master of Lodge No. 67, was exalted.

June 19, 5799.—The By-Laws of the Chapter were adopted. The Seventh Article is: “Every brother who has not passed the chair shall pay fourteen dollars, out of which the dispensation shall be paid for; if past the chair, for being exalted, eight dollars.”

January 27, 5800.—The seventh Article of the By-Laws was confirmed.

February 19, 5800.—Brothers Neal, Shee and Beal, Past Masters of Lodge No. 2, were exalted.

March 19, 5800.—Brothers Savage and Stilwell, Past Masters of No. 52; also, Brothers Coyle, Ferguson, Jewell and Boucher, of No. 19, Brothers Rolph, of No. 51, and Paris, of No. 67, were exalted.

April 16, 5800.—*Brothers Collins, of No. 52; Arnold, of No. 67.*

August 20, 5800.—William Anderson, of the borough of Chester, was exalted.

December 17, 5800.—Brothers William A. Foster, Past Master of No. 51, John Vannest, of No. 52, and Abram Cohen, of No. 67, were exalted.

Your Committee do further report, that Companion Cadwallader Griffith did declare to them that he always understood that all the candidates who were admitted in the said Chapter were regular Past Masters: your Committee have found by the declaration of Companion Morton, Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, that Brothers Collins and Vannest had been passed the chair without having been duly elected Worshipful Masters of said Lodge, and without having previously obtained dispensations from the R. W. Grand Master, which was done by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, under the idea that the new regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge not expressly or pointedly forbidding the passing of a brother to the chair, they could do it without the requisites aforesaid. They find also that the said Lodge No. 52,

convinced of their mistake, have applied to the R. W. Grand Master for dispensations to pass the chair the brothers aforesaid *Collins* and *Vannest*, which were granted, whereby the mistake acknowledged was rectified as far as circumstances could allow.

Your Committee are of opinion that the resolution of this Grand Chapter, at their last meeting on the 14th of January, is fully adequate to preventing in future any brother being admitted in any Chapter without having complied with the aforesaid indispensable requisites. They are also of opinion that the present report and the resolution aforesaid be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge, praying them to give to the private Lodges such directions concerning the passing of the chair as will effectually prevent the effects of any further wrong interpretation of their regulations by removing any doubt in the mind of the brethren, especially as your Committee were informed that other Lodges had already passed several brethren to the chair contrary to the regulations aforesaid and the constant and well-known practice of the Craft.

Your Committee will take the earliest opportunity to visit the Chapters, agreeably to their appointment.

P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,
THOMAS TOWN,
WILLIAM NELSON.

The resolution alluded to in the foregoing report, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter, January 14, is as follows:

“At a General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, held in the city of Philadelphia, January 14, 1801.

“PRESENT:

“The R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., Grand Master, &c., &c., &c.

“On motion, and seconded,

“Resolved unanimously, That, in compliance with the regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and of this Grand Chapter, no candidate shall be exalted in any Chapter held under the warrant of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, unless there is annexed to his petition a certificate under the hands of the Worshipful Master and officers of the Lodge in which such petitioner shall have

passed the chair, and countersigned by the Secretary, with the seal of the said Lodge, or a certificate from the Grand Secretary, setting forth that the petitioner is a regular Past Master, having served as Master of such a Lodge, or having passed the chair by dispensation from the R. W. Grand Master. Sojourners and not residents of the State of Pennsylvania, to be admitted agreeably to the Eleventh Article of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter as heretofore."

This resolution was approved by the Grand Lodge, and, on motion, it was agreed that,

"Whereas, Some of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, contrary to the regulations thereof, and the constant and well-known practice of the Craft in Pennsylvania, have of late passed brethren to the chair without having been duly elected Worshipful Masters of said Lodges, and without having obtained dispensations from the R. W. Grand Master for that purpose; therefore,

"On motion, and seconded,

"Resolved, That no brother can be passed the chair without one or the other of the above requisites."

January 3, 1803.

Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The following return was received and read:

RETURN OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND H. R. A. CHAPTER.

The R. W. ISRAEL ISRAEL, *Grand Master of Penna.,*

Ex officio the 1st *Grand Chief.*

The R. W. JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, . . . 2d *Grand Chief.*

Most Excellent THOMAS TOWN, 3d *Grand Chief.*

" " P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, *Grand Scribe.*

" " DANIEL MCKARAHER, . . . *Grand Treasurer.*

Companions appointed as a Committee to assist the Grand Officers in visiting Lodges:

Companion PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,

" ANDREW WILSON,

" THOMAS TOWN.

December 27, 1804.

Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The following return of the officers of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter was received and read:

Bro. ISRAEL ISRAEL, <i>R. W. G. M. of Penna.</i> ,	1st Grand Chief.
“ JONATHAN B. SMITH,	2d Grand Chief.
“ CADWALLADER GRIFFITH,	3d Grand Chief.
“ ROBERT PULLEN,	Grand Scribe.
“ THOMAS AMIES,	Grand Treasurer.

Committee appointed to assist the Grand Officers in visiting Lodges, viz.:

Brother PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,
“ CADWALLADER GRIFFITH,
“ WILLIAM NEILSON.

April 7, 1806.

Brother JAMES MILNOR, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A letter was received and read from the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 70, at Tioga Point, Luzerne county, dated 29th November last, requesting certain information respecting the opening of a Mark Lodge and making Mark Masons; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of the Regulations of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter to the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 70, referring him thereto for the desired information.

October 3, 1808.

Brother JAMES MILNOR, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A report was made by a Committee appointed to examine into certain misdoings of the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 80, from which the following is an extract:

“ That he has made a considerable number of Royal Arch Masons contrary to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and of this Grand Lodge, making them believe that he was one of four only that had a general dispensation for that purpose, &c. That he had received from some nine, from some

six, and from others three dollars only for giving them that high degree."

Appended to this report were various resolutions, all of which were adopted by the Grand Lodge. The first and second read as follows:

1st. *Resolved*, That Andrew Charles, late Master of Unity Lodge, No. 80, has, by his unmasonic conduct since several years, forfeited all rights and privileges of a Mason, and be expelled from the Society.

2d. *Resolved*, That the conduct of Unity Lodge, No. 80, for several years past has been truly unmasonic, and highly scandalous and prejudicial to the Order, and that the warrant of the said Lodge be vacated and taken from them.

March 5, 1810.

Brother JAMES MILNOR, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved unanimously*, That Brother George A. Baker, Walter Kerr and John Phillips be a Committee to consider of the propriety of the Fourteenth Rule of the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter being repealed, and that they make report thereon.

Said Fourteenth Rule is as follows, to wit:

"The Grand Chapter held in December in each year shall elect three Excellent Masters to assist the Grand Officers in visiting Lodges, &c., that the general uniformity of Ancient Masonry may be preserved and handed down unchanged to posterity."

September 3, 1810.

Brother JAMES MILNOR, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee appointed on the 5th of March last, respecting the Fourteenth Rule of the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter being repealed, made report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and after mature and full consideration of the premises are of opinion that the said Fourteenth Rule is useless and improper, and ought therefore to be repealed.

Useless—Because nothing touching or concerning the fourth degree of Masonry, or the Royal Arch, is or can possibly be taken up or acted upon at the Grand Visitations.

Improper—Because the Grand Lodge is the Supreme Authority, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter being held under the protection of and supported by the Grand Lodge, and the appointment of such Committee therefore considered as highly derogatory to the honor and dignity of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the Fourteenth Rule of the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter be repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER,
WALTER KERR,
JOHN PHILLIPS.

Which report and resolution were unanimously adopted.

July 19, 1811.

Brother JAMES MILNOR, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The new Hall being now occupied, the Hall Committee made a report, wherein Royal Arch Chapter No. 51 was assigned the first Saturday in every month for meeting-night, at a rental of fifty dollars per annum, and at that rate for stated or other meetings of each Royal Arch Chapter.

September 7, 1812.

Brother JAMES MILNOR, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee appointed to inquire and report whether any Masons belonging to Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, Lodge L'Amenite excepted, have attended meetings in this city in places other than the Masonic Hall, where, when and by whom they are so held, respectfully report:

That previous to the adoption of the resolution under which the Committee now act, a number of brethren belonging to different Lodges in this city were in the habit of attending a Mark Lodge, held in Apple Tree alley, between Fourth and Fifth street,

and Arch street and Cherry alley, which Lodge professed to work under a warrant or dispensation issued by Ezra Ames, styling himself *General Grand Scribe* of the GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, dated at Albany, in the State of New York, December 19, A. D. 1811; a copy of the warrant accompanies this report, to which we refer. This Lodge professed to give the Mark in a different manner from the Lodges in this city, and declared it to be a degree beyond that of Master Mason, and as preparatory to an exaltation to the Holy Royal Arch. This, it is presumed, induced many of our brethren who were desirous of obtaining Masonic knowledge, and who did not probably advert to the impropriety of sanctioning proceedings which might tend to destroy the respectability and order of the Masonic system as established in this city, to apply for initiation and admission into this Lodge. But as soon as they understood that their conduct was likely to be disapproved by their brethren, and that by many it was deemed illegal and contrary to the regulations and constitution of this Grand Lodge, they withdrew, and to their honor be it mentioned have, as your Committee have been informed, wholly abandoned the Lodge aforesaid. Some few brethren, however, still adhere to this self-styled Lodge, as your Committee have been informed; but your Committee trust that they will promptly comply with the call of their parent Grand Lodge, and though they may have erred, yet that their good sense and Masonic zeal will induce them to forsake what is unlawful and adhere to their Masonic faith. Your Committee therefore recommend, in the first instance, the following, viz.:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge disapprove of any meetings of Masons in this city under warrants from other jurisdictions, and have never acknowledged any such authority as the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America. They therefore recommend and enjoin the members of the subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction to abstain from and avoid all such meetings.

THOMAS BRADFORD, JR.,
THOMAS AMES,
WILLIAM WRAY,
ROBERT DESILVER.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The Grand Secretary communicated that he had seen a certificate, dated 27th June last, signed by John A. Rohr, (who was late a member of Lodge No. 72 held in this city,) styling himself Master of Philadelphia Union Mark Lodge, No. 1, A. Y. M., held in Philadelphia, N. A., certifying that he, John A. Rohr, had been duly exalted to the degree of a Master Mason.

November 16, 1812.

Brother PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, *R. W. Deputy Grand Master*, in the chair.

A report was made by a Committee appointed to inquire into certain publications, spurious certificates, &c., from which the following is an extract:

“Whilst they are upon this subject, your Committee think it appropriate to the present investigation to state, that a certificate was exhibited to them, signed by Smith Allison, as Master, — Reynolds, Senior Warden, and John A. Rohr, Junior Warden, of Philadelphia Union Mark Lodge, No. 1, declaring that — — had been duly exalted to the sublime degree of a Mark Master Mason. This certificate bore upon it a seal, and was acknowledged by Brother Allison, who held it to have been regularly issued by the Lodge aforesaid, lately held in Apple Tree alley, in this city.

“It is with great satisfaction that your Committee are enabled to communicate, upon the testimony of several brethren who had acknowledged themselves as members of the Mark Lodge above mentioned, that that Lodge was closed about six weeks since, in consequence of a disposition on the part of its members to avoid giving umbrage to the Grand Lodge, and that the warrant under which it held its sittings had been surrendered to the authority whence it was derived, so that the institution now no longer exists,” &c., &c., &c.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
THOMAS BRADFORD, JR.,
RICHARD BACHE,
GEORGE W. BARTRAM,
CONDY RAGUET.

November 12, 1812.

December 28, 1812.

Brother JAMES MILNOR, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter (of date of 26th inst.) was read, informing that they had resolved to pay their own expenses, and to pay to the Grand Lodge a rent of sixty dollars per annum, to commence on Saint John's Day, the 27th inst. Approved. ~

A new set of Rules and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws, to examine and report thereon at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

January 4, 1813.

Brother JAMES MILNOR, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee on By-Laws, to whom were referred the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, report:

That they have examined the same, and recommend that they be approved of by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and that so much of a resolution of the Grand Lodge passed the 23d November, 1795, as directs that "the Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold one stated annual Chapter on the day preceding Saint John the Evangelist in each year, and occasional Chapters when necessity requires," be repealed.

THOMAS BRADFORD, JR.,
RICHARD BACHE,
RICHARD BAKER, JR.

Which report was adopted.

The following is a copy of the said Rules and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, as referred to the said Committee on By-Laws:

At a stated Annual Grand Chapter, December 26, 5812, the Committee appointed to revise, alter and amend the Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter made report, which was read, debated by paragraph, and unanimously adopted, as followeth:

Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees: the three first of which are those of *Apprentice*, the *Fellow-Craft*, and the sublime

degree of *Master*; and a brother being well versed in these degrees, and having discharged the offices of his Lodge, particularly that of *Master*, and fulfilled the duties thereof with the approbation of the brethren of his Lodge, is eligible, on due trial and examination by the Chiefs of the Chapter to whom he shall have applied, and by them found worthy, of being admitted to the fourth degree, *The Holy Royal Arch*.

It follows, of course, that every regular warranted Lodge possesses the power of forming and holding Lodges in each of those several degrees; the last of which, from its preëminence, is denominated amongst Masons *a Chapter*.

That the said Chapters of the Holy Royal Arch may be established, held and conducted with the regularity, discipline and solemnity becoming the sublime intention with which they have, from time immemorial, been held as an essential component part of *Ancient Masonry*, and that which is the perfection and end of the Beautiful System, the Excellent Masons of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, according to the *old institutions*, assembled and constitutionally convened in General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, have carefully collected, revised and adopted the following regulations for the government thereof; that under the sanction of the Grand Lodge they may be transmitted to every regular warranted Lodge on the register, and be solemnly and finally made a part of the Book of Laws and Regulations of the Craft.

ARTICLE I.

No Chapter of Holy Royal Arch shall be held or convened within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, but under the authority and sanction of a regular subsisting warrant granted by the Grand Lodge, according to the old institutions, and by the consent of the said Lodge first signified to the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE II.

No Chapter of Holy Royal Arch shall be convened and held for the purpose of making Royal Arch Masons unless six regular registered Royal Arch Masons be present.

ARTICLE III.

No brother shall be admitted into the Holy Royal Arch but he who has regularly and faithfully passed through the three pro-

gressive degrees, and has filled and performed the office of Worshipful Master in his Lodge, or passed the chair by a dispensation of the R. W. Grand Master; to ascertain which, in either case, they shall deliver to him a certificate to the following purport:

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Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
Under the sanction of Lodge No. : "*

"Whereas, Our trusty and well-beloved brother, , a Geometric Master Mason and member of our Lodge, has solicited us to recommend him as a Master Mason, every way qualified, so far as we are judges of the necessary qualifications, for passing the Holy Arch, we do hereby certify that the said , our trusty and well-beloved brother, has obtained the consent of our Lodge No. , for the recommendation and signing of this certificate."

Given under our hands and the seal of our said Lodge, this day of , A. D. 18 , A. L. 58 .

{ L. S. }

A.	M.
B.	S. W.
C.	J. W.

Secretary.

ARTICLE IV.

A General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch shall be held quarterly on the third Monday in February, May, August and November in each year, and that none but past and present Chiefs of Chapters, duly and regularly formed under the sanction of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and registered and past and present Grand Officers (being Royal Arch Masons) shall be members thereof; and Royal Arch Masons, members of private Chapters and certified sojourners to be admitted as visitors only.

ARTICLE V.

For the better preservation of the sublime degrees of Freemasonry, a register shall be kept by the Recorders of all brothers admitted to the Most Excellent degree; and a return of brothers so admitted by the private Chapters of their own or other Lodges, mentioning the name and time of exalting every brother, shall

be presented at the General Grand Chapters held quarterly as aforesaid, to be entered in the register book of the General Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch.

ARTICLE VI.

On the admission of a new brother, the form of the return to, the General Grand Chapter shall be as follows :

“ We, the three Chiefs whose names are herennto subscribed, do certify that in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch convened and held under the sanction and authority of the warrant of the Worshipful Lodge No. , our beloved brothers, A. B., C. D., E. F. and G. H., having delivered to us the proper certificates and proved themselves by due examination to be well qualified in all the three degrees of Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, and to have passed the chair, were by us admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons.

“ Given under our hands and the seal of our Chapter, this . . . day of . . . , in the year of Masonry 58 , and in the year of our Lord 18 .

{ L. S. }

A.	Z.
B.	H. } Chiefs.
C.	J. }

Recorder.”

ARTICLE VII.

All registered Royal Arch Masons shall be entitled to a Grand Royal Arch certificate on the payment of two silver dollars of the United States for the same, which shall be applied as follows, to wit: half a dollar for the Grand Recorder, and one dollar fifty cents for the use of the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Grand Tyler shall be allowed one dollar fifty cents each meeting for tylng, serving notices, &c., &c., to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IX.

Towards defraying the expenses of private Chapters a sum not less than eight silver dollars shall be charged on and paid by the brother admitted at any Chapter within the jurisdiction of

the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, one dollar whereof shall be paid to the general grand fund on the registering of the brother, and twenty-five cents to the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE X.

A member of any Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, recommended by the Master, Wardens and Secretary in open Lodge, and after due trial and examination the brother, being a Master Mason and having passed the chair, shall, if approved by the Royal Arch Chapter to whom the brother is recommended, be admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent Royal Arch Mason; and that sojourners not residents of the State of Pennsylvania, recommended by at least three Excellent Royal Arch Masons, and on the approbation of the Chapter to whom they shall have applied, after due trial and examination as aforesaid, shall also be admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent Royal Arch Mason.

ARTICLE XI.

Excellent Royal Arch Companions, producing proper certificates from any Chapter under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania in which they were admitted to the satisfaction of the Grand Chiefs in Philadelphia, the Grand Recorder, or any two of them, shall be entitled to be registered and receive a Grand Royal Arch certificate, immediately if required, of which the Grand Recorder shall make his report at the next Grand Chapter

ARTICLE XII.

At the quarterly General Grand Chapter, held in November in every year, the said General Grand Chapter shall elect their officers, saving that the R. W. Grand Master for the time being, if of that degree, shall be the First Grand Chief; make their own By-Laws, and shall hear and decide upon all complaints and appeals from Chapters held under the warrants granted or to be granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon, on motion made, and seconded, *Resolved unanimously*, That a copy of the said Regulations be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for their approbation; and Brethren Kerr, Lippincott and Newcombe were appointed a

Committee to present the said copy, who are also authorized respectfully to request the R. W. Grand Lodge to repeal so much of their third resolution of November 23, 1795, as orders that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold one stated annual Chapter on the day preceding St. John the Evangelist in each year, and occasional Chapters when necessity requires.

A true extract from the Minutes.

THOMAS AMIES,
Recorder p. t.

June 6, 1814.

Brother RICHARD TYBOUT, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A communication was received and read from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, enclosing a resolution passed by the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter, on the 17th day of March, A. L. 5813, and which is in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That application be made from this Grand Chapter to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to pass a resolution authorizing the Grand Chapter to require from each Chapter held under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, that a copy of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations adopted by such Chapters, as well as any alteration hereafter made by them in the same, be submitted to this Grand Chapter for approbation, and to grant to the Grand Chapter the power of deciding conclusively upon the same.

Whereupon, on motion made, and seconded,

Resolved, That the said communication be referred to Brothers S. F. Bradford, Newcomb, James Harper, Jr., Randall and Keatting, to inquire into the propriety of granting said request, and to make report.

March 6, 1815.

Brother WALTER KERR, *R. W. D. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A letter from Brother John C. Baum, late Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 62, held at Reading, dated 4th inst., was read, stating that in the Royal Arch Chapter lately established under the warrant of Lodge No. 62, they had passed several Master Masons to the chair, which, having since discovered to be wrong,

he communicates to the Grand Lodge and requests advice how to correct their errors, and offering to pay for dispensations for passing said brethren to the chair, and promising to be careful not to act incorrectly for the future. Said letter was accompanied by a copy of the minutes of said Royal Arch Chapter, whereby it appears that ten Master Masons were so irregularly passed to the chair.

Whereupon, on consideration, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve of dispensations being granted for passing said ten brethren to the chair, in Lodge No. 62, which were so irregularly passed to the chair in said Arch.

December 16, 1816.

Brother BAYSE NEWCOMB, *R. W. D. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee appointed to inquire as to a spurious Lodge, held in this city, made the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed, at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in July last, to inquire whether the spurious Lodge held in this city, called The Philadelphia Lodge, No. 2, have a warrant from any Masonic authority whatever, beg leave to give the following facts:

That it appears a certain Ezra Ames, late General Grand Scribe of a body styling themselves THE GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES, on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1811, issued letters of dispensation authorizing the formation of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, in the city of Philadelphia, and empowering the petitioners to confer the Mark Master Mason's degree upon tried and worthy Master Masons. That it appears, by the regulations of this Grand Chapter, that such letters of dispensation could, according to their practice, confer no authority whatever to make Master Masons, but simply to confer the degree of Mark Master Masons upon tried and worthy Master Masons. It likewise appears that these letters of dispensation, issued by the said Ezra Ames, were never ratified or confirmed by the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, nor have they been extended by any of the officers

of that body. It further appears, that Thomas Smith Webb, Esq., Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1816, by letters issued under his hand and seal, and directed to William G. Oliver, of the city of Philadelphia, recalled the letters of dispensation issued as aforesaid, and required the said William G. Oliver and his associates to abstain hereafter from all assembling together or conferring any degrees of Masonry under the authority derived from the said Ezra Ames. The Committee annex a copy of the letters of revocation issued by their respectable brother, Thomas Smith Webb, and request that the same may be filed with, and considered a part of, their report.

While your Committee find themselves obligated to express their regret that there should have been, in the first instance, any interference with the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, yet they state with pleasure that every reparation that could be offered by the said General Grand Chapter, or its officers, has been made, and that they have evinced a desire to remain on terms of brotherly love and friendship with this Grand Lodge, and to abstain from collision on points in which these bodies are known to disagree.

Your Committee therefore conclude with the following:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

B. NEWCOMB, JR.,
Jos. BARNES,
JOSIAH RANDALL.

December 16, 1816.

January 20, 1817.

Brother WALTER KERR, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A communication from a Committee appointed by Royal Arch Chapter, No. 70, held at Tioga Point, dated August 6, 1816, was received and read. It stated, among other things, the great difficulties and inconveniences they experienced in carrying on the work of Arch Masonry, by not possessing the power of passing brethren to the chair without a special dispensation from the Grand Master for the purpose, as their distance from the Grand Lodge put it out of the question to apply for special

dispensations; and that they must give up their work and lose the expense of their apparatus for the Royal Arch degree unless they could obtain some relief from the Grand Lodge.

On motion made, and seconded, the above communication was referred to Brothers Newcomb, James Harper, Jr., Randall, Keatting and Bache, to examine and make report.

March 17, 1817.

Brother **WALTER KERR, R. W. Grand Master**, in the chair.

A report was made by a Committee appointed to inquire respecting some funds in the hands of Brother Pedro Duler, transmitted to him by Lodge No. 103, at Havana, in which report the following paragraphs occur, viz.:

Brother Pedro Duler also acknowledges one hundred dollars received, to be appropriated by him to the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter only, as will be seen from the following extract of a letter:

“Have you taken any steps towards the establishment of the Royal Arch Chapter? I enclose you a petition requesting the Constitution of the Royal Arch Chapter, in due form. Moreover, Ferage and Siberio are members of this Lodge, one a full member, the other an honorary one. Enclosed you will find a bill of exchange for one hundred dollars, to be placed to the account of the Lodge, or whatever may be relative to the Chapter.”

From the foregoing extract it appears that the one hundred dollars was remitted to Brother Duler for the sole purpose of establishing a Royal Arch Chapter, and could not by him be properly applied to any other purpose, and particularly as he received no subsequent directions to apply it otherwise.

On the subject of a petition for a Royal Arch Chapter, Brother Duler declares that he mentioned it to our much respected late Grand Secretary, who informed him that Lodge No. 103 had only to establish a Royal Arch Chapter under their present warrant, and proceed, and report themselves as such to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that they would be recognized as Royal Arch Masons; in consequence of which he did not present the petition, but wrote to them, giving the information he had received; and

further, that the one hundred dollars remitted him was not sufficient to purchase the necessary jewels and decorations, and that it would be necessary to remit him more money for that purpose, &c., &c.

(Signed)

February 28, 1817.

MICHAEL NISBET,

ISAAC LEVIS,

HENRY Y. CARTER.

July 7, 1817.

Brother WALTER KERR, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee appointed on the application of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter to grant them power to decide conclusively on the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the subordinate Chapters, made report, which was read, and after some debate it was, on motion made, and seconded,

Resolved, That all further proceedings on the said application and report be indefinitely postponed.

April 5, 1819.

Brother BAYSE NEWCOMB, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A communication, dated Athens, February 23, 1819, was received and read, from Brother Thomas Huston, relative to the situation of Royal Arch Chapter No. 70.

On motion, the Committee to whom was referred a communication from Chapter No. 70, read in Grand Lodge 20th January, 1817, were discharged.

On motion, the above communication, from Chapter No. 70, and also the one read in Grand Lodge on the 20th January, 1817, were referred to the following brethren, to inquire and make report, viz.: Randall, James Harper, Jr., McCorkle, Howe and Barbier.

June 7, 1819.

Brother BAYSE NEWCOMB, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

On motion made, and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to appoint a brother to grant dispensations to pass brethren to the chair in Lodge No. 70, held at Tioga Point, Bradford county.

January 7, 1822.

Brother JOSIAH RANDALL, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That a Committee of members, who are Royal Arch Masons, be appointed, in conjunction with a similar Committee which may be appointed on the part of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, to inquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of government of Royal Arch Masoury; and if found expedient, to digest and report to this Grand Lodge such a system of government of Royal Arch Masonry as, in their opinion, may be best calculated to advance the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry without impairing the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge over the same, or diminishing the revenues of the Grand Lodge.

April 1, 1822

Brother JOSIAH RANDALL, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered by Brother Dahlgren, on the 7th of January last, relative to the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of government of Royal Arch Masonry; when, on motion, the said resolution was amended by striking out the last clause, which is as follows: "Without impairing the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge over the same, or diminishing the revenues of the Grand Lodge."

The resolution was then laid upon the table.

June 17, 1822.

Brother JOSIAH RANDALL, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

Brother Nisbet, on behalf of a Committee of the Grand Chapter, made the following communication, that, on the 20th day of May last, sundry resolutions for the reorganization of the Grand Chapter were presented and read, when it was—

Resolved, That the resolutions now presented for the government of this Grand Chapter be referred to a Committee of five members, to examine and report thereon; and that the R. W. Grand Lodge be respectfully invited to appoint a like Committee

to confer on the same with the Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter; and that Brothers McAlpin, Bradford, Russell, Erringer and himself were appointed a Committee for the purpose.

Whereupon, on motion, and seconded, the resolution laid on the table on the 7th of January last, by Brother Dahlgren, relative to the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the expediency of changing the existing government of Royal Arch Masonry, amended by the Grand Lodge on the 1st of April last, was taken up for consideration and adopted as amended.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren on said Committee: Bayse Newcomb, Edward King, Thomas Amies, Robert Toland and Bernard Dahlgren.

September 16, 1822.

Brother **JOSIAH RANDALL**, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of government of Royal Arch Masonry made report, which was read, and the consideration thereof postponed.

A report of a similar nature to the Grand Chapter was presented by a Committee thereof, and read, together with a recommendation from that body to the Grand Lodge to adopt the same, which was laid on the table.

February 3, 1823.

Brother **JOSIAH RANDALL**, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A communication was received from the Grand Chapter, and read, and is as follows:

GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ADJOURNED GRAND QUARTERLY MEETING,

January 11, 1823.

On motion made, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That application be made to the Grand Lodge for permission to withdraw the communication from this Grand Chapter, presented and read in Grand Lodge on the 16th of September last.

Whereupon, on motion, and seconded,

Resolved, That the request of the Grand Chapter be granted.

MONDAY, *March 3, 1823.*

The GRAND COMMITTEE appointed in virtue of sundry resolutions, passed by the Grand Lodge on the 17th December, 1822, made report, which was read and is as follows:

*To the Right Worshipful
the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Grand Committee appointed by virtue of sundry resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, passed on the 17th day of December, A. L. 5822, to take into consideration "the alleged grievances of the subordinate Lodges, and report what measures ought to be adopted by the Grand Lodge on the several subjects which have agitated the fraternity," make report of their proceedings as follows:

IN GRAND COMMITTEE,
TUESDAY, *February 25, 1823.*

The R. W. Grand Master having stated the object of the meeting of the Grand Committee, declined taking the chair, and the several delegates and proxies of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania having produced their authorities, the same were duly recorded by the Grand Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, *February 26, 1823, 7 o'clock P. M.*

Brother James Harper offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of seven brethren be appointed to inquire if any and what grievances exist in Arch Masonry, and that they report a remedy for those grievances or errors to the Grand Committee for their consideration and adoption.

And on the question being taken, the resolution was adopted, and Brothers Joseph Kingsberry, James Harper, John Turk, John Darragh, Thomas F. Gordon, Jacob S. Davis and James Herriott were appointed a Committee for the purpose expressed in the resolution.

FRIDAY, *December 28, 1823, 9 o'clock A. M.*

Brother Kane offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Grand Committee adjourn it will adjourn to meet again at half-past 3 o'clock this afternoon, for

the purpose of receiving and considering the report of the Committee appointed on the subject of Royal Arch Masonry.

And the said resolution was unanimously adopted.

SAME DAY, *half-past 3 o'clock P. M.*

The Committee on the subject of Royal Arch Masonry made report, as follows:

The Committee, appointed to inquire if any and what grievances exist in Arch Masonry, report:

That grievances do exist in Arch Masonry, but that the shortness of the time allowed in order to bring the subject before this Committee will not permit a full examination and clear exposition of all the circumstances which have led to those grievances; they will therefore confine themselves to a brief statement of the causes most intimately connected with the subject, and suggest for the consideration of this Committee remedies for the evils complained of.

Previous to the year 1795 there was no Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons held in the United States. At that time three of the Lodges held in the city of Philadelphia, without any authority from the Grand Lodge, convened and opened a Grand Royal Arch Chapter. For this deviation from the ancient usages of the Order, their warrants were withdrawn by the Grand Lodge and their labors suspended. About the same time a Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which has continued its meetings until the present time.

The right to exalt to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, under the warrant of a regular Lodge, never appears to have been questioned till the year 1798, at which time a Convocation, from different States in the Union, of Arch Masons was held at Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, and a Grand Chapter formed. Accordinging to the regulations adopted at that Convention, no person can be recognized as an Arch Mason unless he has been exalted under the authority of some warrant granted by a Grand Chapter; thus at one stroke cutting off all the Arch Masons on the face of the globe from all intercourse or communication with them.

We would again repeat, that previous to that time and since,

except where those regulations prevail, a warrant regularly granted by an acknowledged Grand Lodge has been considered a sufficient and the only proper authority to work in all the degrees of ancient Masonry. The evils now most sensibly felt in Arch Masonry have been occasioned by the regulations above alluded to, and your Committee regret that measures were not immediately taken by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to counteract the innovations thus introduced; they have since been industriously circulated throughout several of the States in the Union, in consequence of which the Arch Masons of Pennsylvania find themselves shut out from all intercourse with them, as though the error rested with us.

It is not necessary to advance any other argument to show what ought to be adopted to counteract and remedy those grievances.

Your Committee freely admit the principle, that every Grand Lodge has an inherent right to make new regulations, provided the ancient landmarks of the Order or its usages are not violated thereby; but they do deny, in the most unqualified manner, the right of any body of Masons, however respectable, to make any regulation whereby a true brother, much less the whole fraternity, except the framers of the regulation, would be cut off from all the rights and benefits of the Order.

As at present organized and conducted, your Committee think the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania stands too much isolated from the Grand Lodge, and that measures ought to be adopted to unite them more closely, and thereby give increased life and vigor to the now drooping state of Arch Masonry. For the purpose of remedying the foregoing evils, your Committee offer the following regulations, and ask that they may be incorporated with and become a part of the standing regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania shall be constituted of all the members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, for the time being, who are Royal Arch Masons, (having received the honorary degree of Mark Master, received and acknowledged Most Excellent Masters,) and of all who are now or have been Chiefs of subordinate Chapters, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and have received or may hereafter receive the aforesaid preparatory

degrees: *Provided*, That no Companion (except present and past Grand High Priests, and present and past Deputy Grand High Priests) shall be a member of the Grand Chapter, unless he is a contributing member of some subordinate Chapter, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, who are hereby made *ex officio* members of the Grand Chapter.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall be the officers of the Grand Chapter, to take rank therein according to seniority in office.

The Grand Chapter shall have the sole and exclusive power to regulate, superintend and control the by-laws, rules and regulations of the subordinate Chapters, Mark Masters' and Most Excellent Masters' Lodges under its jurisdiction, and to govern the same according to the ancient customs and usages of the Order.

No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the Grand Lodge who has not previously received all the degrees mentioned in the first resolution.

The Grand Chapter shall, until otherwise directed by itself, hold semi-annual meetings on the third Mondays in April and October, in each and every year, with power to adjourn from day to day. Special Convocations may be called when the general good of Royal Arch Masonry requires it, to meet at the same place in the Grand Hall in the city of Philadelphia.

No Companion shall continue to be a member of any Chapter for a longer time than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of a subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

No Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter shall exalt any brother to the degree of a Holy Royal Arch Mason, unless he has previously received the honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason, passed the chair, and has been received and acknowledged Most Excellent Master.

All rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Grand Chapter thereof, contrary to the foregoing rules and regulations, shall be and are hereby made null and void.

No alteration or amendment to these rules and regulations shall be made, unless the same shall be proposed at one stated semi-annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, and adopted at a subsequent stated semi-annual meeting of the said Grand Chapter, by at least two-thirds of the members then present; all the Chap-

ters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter having timely notice thereof.

These regulations shall go into operation on and from and after St. John the Evangelist's Day, in December next.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Chapter, as soon as may be after the adoption of these regulations, to take measures to open a correspondence with the other Grand Royal Arch Chapters in the United States.

It was moved by Brother Dahlgren, and seconded by Brother King, that the further consideration of the report be postponed, for the purpose of introducing the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That this Grand Committee respectfully recommend to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the adoption of the proposed system of government for Royal Arch Masonry, now lying on the table of the Grand Lodge.

The consideration of the report and substitute was, on motion, postponed for the present.

It was moved and seconded that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge be requested to furnish each of the subordinate Lodges with a copy of the *Ahiman Rezon* as soon as practicable.

And the said resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Committee then resumed the consideration of the report on Royal Arch Masonry and substitute, and after consuming some time in the consideration thereof, it was moved and seconded that this Grand Committee do now adjourn *sine die*, which was unanimously agreed to, and the Grand Committee adjourned.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

WILLIAM R. SMITH,

Secretaries.

WALTER KERR,

Chairman.

Whereupon the resolutions reported by the Grand Committee, together with the preamble thereto attached, were considered and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the minutes, proceedings, and report of the Grand Committee were ordered to be printed, and copies furnished to each of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

June 2, 1823.

Brother JOSIAH RANDALL, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

Brother Dahlgren offered the following resolutions, the consideration of which was postponed :

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns it adjourn until the day of , for the purpose of acting upon a report of the Committee on the new system of government of Royal Arch Masonry.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee above alluded to be printed and distributed among the members of the Grand Lodge previous to the next adjourned meeting of the Grand Lodge.

August 2, 1823.

Brother JAMES HARPER, *R. W. Senior Grand Warden*, in the chair.

A Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania tendered for the consideration and adoption of this Grand Lodge a Constitution adopted by the said Grand Chapter on the 23d of June, 1823, for the government thereof.

When, on motion, and seconded,

Resolved, That the said Constitution be made the order of the day for the first Monday in September next; and that the same, together with the report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of government of Royal Arch Masonry, read in the Grand Lodge on the 16th of September, 1822, be printed and distributed among the members of the Grand Lodge.

September 1, October 20, and October 27, 1823, the new Constitution for the Grand Chapter was up for consideration at the Grand Communications of the Grand Lodge, and postponed.

November 3, 1823.

Brother JOSIAH RANDALL, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of government of Royal Arch

Masonry, and, if found expedient, to report to this Grand Lodge a new system, respectfully report—

That, in conjunction with a Committee of a similar number appointed for the same purpose by the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, they carefully proceeded into the examination and consideration of the subject referred to them, and after giving it the fullest reflection, beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That it is expedient to change the existing system of government of Holy Royal Arch Masonry.

Resolved, That the present powers of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania be, and are hereby, so far enlarged as to empower the Grand Chapter to issue warrants for the holding of Chapters of Holy Royal Arch Masons and Lodges of Mark Masters and Most Excellent Master Masons, and the same to suspend, revoke and restore at pleasure; to form a Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for its own government; to regulate, superintend and control the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of subordinate Chapters, Mark Masters' and Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges under its jurisdiction; and to preside over and govern the same according to the ancient usages and customs of Masonry.

Provided always, nevertheless, That these powers shall always be held under the following restrictions and qualifications, which shall be and are fundamental conditions of this grant, viz.:

First. That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (being a Holy Royal Arch Mason) shall be *ex officio* Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Second. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall, on no pretence, grant warrants authorizing the entering, passing and raising, and passing the chair, of any person or persons, at any place or places within or without the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or in any way interfere with those degrees or the government thereof.

Third. That no person shall continue to be a member of any Chapter for a longer time than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of or shall have been expelled or suspended from a Blue Lodge.

Fourth. That all meetings of the Grand and subordinate Chap-

ters, Mark Masters' Lodges and Most Excellent Masters' Lodges in Philadelphia shall be held in the present Masonic Hall, or in any other hall used by the Grand Lodge which shall be sufficiently commodious for their accommodation.

Fifth. That nothing herein contained shall be considered as a recognition by this Grand Lodge of the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Mark Master as degrees of Ancient York Masonry.

Resolved, That this Committee be discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD KING,
BERNARD DAHLGREN,
ROBERT TOLAND,
THOMAS AMIES.

The foregoing report and resolutions were adopted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to transmit a copy thereof to the Grand Chapter and inform them that this Grand Lodge has *not concurred* in the Constitution received from them.

December 1, 1823.

Brother JOSIAH RANDALL, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A communication from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter was received and read, announcing their *non-concurrence* in the system of government of Royal Arch Masonry passed by this Grand Lodge on the 3d ult.: also, a copy of a resolution appointing a Committee of Conference; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Brothers T. B. Freeman, Robert Desilver and Charles Stout, be appointed to confer with the above-named Committee of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

January 5, 1824.

Brother JOHN B. GIBSON, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, agreed to by the Committee of Conference and adopted by the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, was received and read, and on motion was amended; and, as amended, was adopted, in the words following, to wit:

ARTICLE I.

The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall be constituted of all the members of the Grand Lodge for the time

being, who are Royal Arch Masons, and have received the honorary degree of Mark Master, and been accepted and received Most Excellent Masters, and who have passed the chair of a Lodge by election, and are contributing members of some subordinate Chapter; of all High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, who are qualified as aforesaid; and of all Past High Priests of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, who are qualified as aforesaid, continuing members of such subordinate Chapters.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand Chapter shall hold semi-annual meetings on the third Monday in May and November, in every year. They shall also meet on their own adjournments, and on the order of the M. E. Grand High Priest. They shall have power to elect their own officers, make their own By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for their government; to regulate, superintend and control the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of subordinate Chapters, Mark Masters' and Most Excellent Masters' Lodges under their jurisdiction; to grant warrants for holding Holy Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Masters' and Most Excellent Masters' Lodges, and the same to suspend, revoke and restore at pleasure, and to exercise jurisdiction over the same. The warrants to be granted to Chapters now in existence shall be without charge for the same, and shall bear the numbers which the said Chapters respectively now bear. The warrants to be granted to Chapters hereafter to be organized shall be numbered in order, commencing from the Chapter which now bears the highest number. *Provided*, That no person shall continue to be a member of any Chapter a longer time than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of a Blue Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

The Grand Chapter shall annually pay over to the Grand Lodge the balance of money in hand after deducting their expenditures, to be appropriated to the sinking fund, until the debt now due by the Grand Lodge shall be paid; after which the Grand Lodge shall have no claim upon the funds of the Grand Chapter, but the same shall be at their own disposal.

ARTICLE IV.

From and after the adoption of this Constitution, no Chapter under its jurisdiction shall, after notice thereof, exalt any brother to the degree of Holy Royal Arch without his having previously become a Past Master, Mark Master, and Most Excellent Master.

ARTICLE V.

All Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter contrary to the foregoing Constitution shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed and made null and void.

ARTICLE VI.

No alteration or amendment to this Constitution shall be made unless the same be proposed at one stated semi-annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, and adopted at or after a subsequent stated semi-annual meeting of the said Grand Chapter, by at least two-thirds of the members of the Grand Chapter then present.

ARTICLE VII.

This Constitution shall go into operation on and from and after the semi-annual meeting in May next.

January 17, 1825.

Brother JAMES HARPER, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A communication was received and read from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, in relation to the appointment of a Committee by them on the 27th of December, 1824, to confer with a Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge to adjust and regulate the effect of suspensions and expulsions under each jurisdiction, and to report to the R. W. Grand Lodge and the M. E. Grand Chapter respectively, subject to their final decision, and requesting the R. W. Grand Lodge to appoint a like Committee to confer with a Committee of the Grand Chapter.

And, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed in conformity with the request of the Grand Chapter.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Keyser, Horn and Wray on said Committee.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Brother Steele, viz.:

Whereas, It has been represented to this R. W. Grand Lodge in a communication from Brother G. Mallery, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, and sundry communications from Brother John De Pui to the R. W. Grand Master as well as to the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, that certain Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have infringed on and violated the good Rules and Regulations of the same, but more particularly in conferring the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch under the warrants of Blue Lodges under this jurisdiction, thereby violating and in direct contradiction to the Constitution granted by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania, duly ratified and adopted by them in May last;

And whereas, It is of importance to this Grand Lodge, as well as to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, that an immediate and effectual check should be put to these informalities and irregular proceedings: Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge communicate to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction, that by a Constitution granted to the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania, it is the exclusive prerogative of the same to issue warrants for holding Lodges of Mark Master, Most Excellent Masters, and Royal Arch Chapters; to superintend, control, and have exclusive jurisdiction over them; and that their right to congregate and confer these degrees under the warrant of a Blue Lodge is contrary thereunto, and was revoked by said Constitution.

On motion, the foregoing were referred to a Committee of three, consisting of Brothers Steele, Newcomb and H. Benner.

March 7, 1825.

Brother JAMES HARPER, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee, to whom were referred the preamble and resolutions offered by Brother Steele on the 17th of January last, respectfully report:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and offer

the following resolutions for the consideration and adoption of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge transmit to each of the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations for the government of Mark Master Masons' and Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges, and of Royal Arch Chapters within the bounds of its jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do recommend to all the Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Master Masons, and to all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within the bounds of its jurisdiction, to conform to the provisions contained in the said Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Resolved, That no Lodge under this jurisdiction has, by the virtue of the warrant of the Grand Lodge, the right hereafter to confer any other degrees than those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason and Past Master; and that no brother can receive the degree of Past Master unless duly elected Worshipful Master of a particular Lodge, or by virtue of a dispensation regularly issued and obtained for that special and specific purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN STEELE, JR.,
B. NEWCOMB,
HENRY BENNER.

February 7, 1825.

The above report and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 17th January, to confer with a Committee appointed by the M. E. Grand Chapter on the subject of suspensions and expulsions, made a report; which, on motion made, and seconded, was laid on the table.

April 18, 1825.

Brother JAMES HARPER, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

Brother Gowen offered the following:

Whereas, It does appear to this Grand Lodge that so much of the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter as sanctioned by the Grand Lodge 5th January, 1824, placing Mark

Lodges under the jurisdiction of said Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, has been productive and is susceptible of much mischief, arising from the collision of these separate orders: Therefore,

Resolved, That so much of said Constitution as places **Mark** Lodges and the **Mark** degree under the jurisdiction of said Grand Chapter, as may be interpreted and expressed in the second Article of said Constitution, be and the same is hereby repealed.

On motion of Brother Randall, the foregoing preamble and resolution be referred to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

And, on motion made, and seconded, the whole subject be made the order of the day for the first Monday in June.

November 7, 1825.

Brother **JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master**, in the chair.

A report was received and read from the Committee appointed on the 6th of September, 1824, to whom were referred the letter of Garrick Mallory, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, in relation to certain irregular proceedings in Lodge No. 185, at Braintrim, Luzerne county, and two communications from that Lodge on the same subject; and concluding with the following resolutions, which report and resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of Lodge No. 185, on the 17th and 18th May, 1824, in passing persons to the chair without election or dispensation, is in direct violation of the established usages of the Order and the regulations of this Grand Lodge, and that the said proceedings are hereby declared null and of no effect.

Resolved, That Lodge No. 185 be directed to report to the District Deputy Grand Master for that district, Brother Garrick Mallory, the names of the different brethren who were passed to the chair in the manner above stated.

Resolved, That the said District Deputy Grand Master be authorized to issue dispensations to such of the said brethren who have been thus irregularly passed to the chair as may apply for the same, upon the payment by them of the established fees (viz., five dollars) for each dispensation.

Resolved, That, until they shall have obtained such dispensations, the said brethren so improperly passed to the chair shall be and they are hereby prohibited from exercising or enjoying the benefits of the Past Master's degree; and that the Past Masters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby prohibited from holding any intercourse with them in the said degree.

June 19, 1826.

Brother THOMAS KITTERA, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee appointed on the 5th of September, 1825, to inquire whether any violations of the compact between the Grand and subordinate Lodges, with respect to the dues and contributions assessed upon the latter, had taken place, made report, stating, in substance, That the sums charged by the Grand Chapter for Chapter warrants are, respectively, an increase of the price for warrants beyond the sum paid at the time of the compact above referred to; and that the Grand Lodge had, through inadvertence, (the Constitution of the Grand Chapter being adopted subsequently to, and not in the manner set forth in, the compact,) violated the first proposition thereof. The report concludes with the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with a similar Committee of the Grand Chapter on the subject referred to in this report, and that the Committee of the Grand Lodge be directed to report the result of their conference at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge after the appointment of the Committee by the Grand Chapter.

September 4, 1826.

Brother THOMAS KITTERA, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The Committee appointed on the 19th of June, to confer with a similar Committee to be appointed by the Grand Chapter, on the subject of fees for warrants to hold Chapters, reported as follows:

That, having conferred with each other, and with a Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter, upon the matter submitted to them by the Grand Lodge, both Committees are unanimously of opinion that so much of the Constitution of the Grand Holy

Royal Arch Chapter, agreed to by the Grand Lodge, as gives to the Grand Chapter the power of taking fees for warrants to hold Royal Arch Chapters within their jurisdiction, is a substantial violation of the compact between the Grand and subordinate Lodges, as set forth in the first proposition submitted by the Grand Committee, which met in this city in 1823, to the Grand Lodge, and adopted on the 7th of March of that year.

Your Committee, having in view the prosperity of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, and being convinced of the absolute necessity of extending its benefits, and at the same time anxious to preserve unsullied the faith of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, are of opinion that the most feasible mode of overcoming this difficulty is to submit the same to the consideration of the subordinate Lodges, agreeably to the terms of the said first proposition ; they therefore offer the following :

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, so far as it authorizes the Grand Chapter to make rules and regulations for the government of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, and thereby confers the power to receive fees for granting warrants to Holy Royal Arch Chapters under their jurisdiction, and for other services, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

On motion made, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate to the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction a copy of the above report, and of the proceedings which led to the appointment of a Committee to confer with a Committee to be appointed by the Grand Chapter, and to inform them that the question on the adoption of the resolution attached to the report will be determined at the Quarterly Communication to be held on the first Monday in December next.

December 4, 1826.

Brother SAMUEL BADGER, *R. W. D. Grand Master*, in the chair.

The resolution offered at the Quarterly Communication in September last, by the Committee appointed to confer with a similar Committee of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was taken up for consideration :

The Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that a copy of that resolution had been duly transmitted to every subordinate

Lodge, and presented the following communications which had been received in relation thereto, viz.:

From Lodge No. 21, a circular letter, dated Harrisburg, 29th September, 1826, disapproving of the resolution before the Grand Lodge, the establishment of the Grand Chapter, and the concession of any right which the Grand Lodge has or had over the subordinate Lodges.

From Lodge No. 43, a circular letter dated Lancaster, 8th November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present Grand Chapter, and its right to demand reasonable fees and dues; and in favor of a reduction of the fees and dues paid to the Grand Lodge, proportionable to those demanded by the Grand Chapter.

From Lodge No. 60, dated Brownsville, 20th November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present Grand Chapter, and its right to demand fees and dues; and in favor of a reduction of the fees and dues paid to the Grand Lodge, proportionable to those demanded by the Grand Chapter.

From Lodge No. 62, dated Reading, 27th November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present Grand Chapter, and the concession embraced in the resolution before the Grand Lodge.

From Lodge No. 106, dated Williamsport, Lycoming county, 10th October, 1826, approving of the resolution before the Grand Lodge, and instructing its officers to vote thereon in the affirmative.

From the officers and a number of the Past Masters of Lodge No. 123, dated York, 29th November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present Grand Chapter, but disapproving of the resolution before the Grand Lodge, unless the Lodges be furnished with Grand Chapter warrants free of expense.

From one of the Past Masters of Lodge No. 123, dated York, 28th November, 1826, approving of the resolution before the Grand Lodge.

From Lodge No. 132, post-marked Honeybrook, 2d December, 1826, disapproving of the resolution before the Grand Lodge, and the principles on which the Grand Chapter was formed.

From Lodge No. 134, a circular letter, dated Philadelphia, 1st November, 1826, in reply to the circular letters addressed to the subordinate Lodges by Lodges No. 21, Harrisburg, and 131, Orwigsburg, and in favor of the resolution before the Grand Lodge.

From Lodge No. 138, a circular letter, dated Orwigsburg, 17th October, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present Grand Chapter, and in favor of a reduction of the fees and dues paid to the Grand Lodge, by the subordinate Lodges constituted prior to the 5th January, 1824, proportionable to those demanded by the Grand Chapter.

From Lodge No. 143, dated Chambersburg, 10th November, 1826, approving of the resolution before the Grand Lodge, and instructing its officers to vote thereon, by proxy, in the affirmative.

From Lodge No. 156, dated Chestnut Level, Lancaster county, 11th November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present Grand Chapter, and its right to demand reasonable fees and dues, and in favor of a reduction of the fees and dues paid to the Grand Lodge, proportionable to those demanded by the Grand Chapter.

From Lodge No. 164, dated Washington, 13th November, 1826, authorizing its Worshipful Master to appoint a proxy, instructed to oppose the resolution before the Grand Lodge.

From Lodge No. 174, dated Downingtown, 28th October, 1826, disapproving of the resolution before the Grand Lodge, and the concession of any right, vested in the subordinate Lodges, without their consent.

From Lodge No. 182, dated Mercer, 23d November, 1826, instructing its officers, members of the Grand Lodge, to vote on the resolution before that body in the affirmative.

From Lodge No. 194, dated Selin's Grove, 25th November, 1826, stating that its officers, members of the Grand Lodge, were instructed to vote in the affirmative, on the resolution before that body.

From Lodge No. 196, dated Mercersburg, 30th November, 1826, disapproving of the resolution before the Grand Lodge.

From Lodge No. 203, dated Mifflintown, 13th November, 1826, that it is inexpedient a Grand Chapter should be formed, and that it will not agree to the concession of any right which the Grand Lodge has or had over the subordinate Lodges.

Votes in writing, and proxies to vote on the resolution before the Grand Lodge, without comment thereon, were received from the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Josiah Randall, R. W. Past Grand Master, and members of the Grand Lodge belonging to Lodges No. 2, 21, 22, 51, 52, 66, 67, 69, 70, 75, 81, 82, 91, 94, 106, 113,

121, 123, 126, 128, 132, 134, 136, 141, 143, 144, 159, 164, 168, 171, 173, 174, 178, 182, 192, 194, 195, 196, 197, 200, 202, 204, and 208, and were recognized.

On motion, and seconded, *Resolved*, That the communications from Lodges No. 43, 60, 62, 156, and 203 be, each of them, received and recognized as one vote in the affirmative or negative, as may accord with the expressed views of those Lodges respectively.

The question on the resolution before the Grand Lodge being now taken, it appeared that, of seventy-one members present, fifty-four voted in the affirmative and seventeen in the negative; that of one hundred and twelve votes in writing, seventy-one were in the affirmative and forty-one in the negative; and that of forty-nine votes by proxy, twenty-seven were in the affirmative and twenty-two in the negative; being, altogether, two hundred and thirty-two votes; of which one hundred and fifty-two were in the affirmative and eighty in the negative; so the resolution was adopted, in the following words, to wit:

“*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, so far as it authorizes the Grand Chapter to make rules and regulations for the government of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, and thereby confers the power to receive fees for granting warrants to Holy Royal Arch Chapters within their jurisdiction, and for other services, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.”

On motion, and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit to every subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction a copy of the proceedings of this Communication in relation to the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and of the resolutions and propositions submitted by the Grand Committee which met in Philadelphia on the 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th February, 1823, under the sanction of this Grand Lodge, and approved at the Quarterly Communication held on the 3d March following.

December 18, 1826.

Brother SAMUEL BADGER, *R. W. Deputy Grand Master*, in the chair.

A memorial was received from a number of the officers of the Royal Arch Chapters, setting forth the difficulties under which

the Royal Arch Masons suffer by reason of the rent charged for the Chapter-room, and the advantages that would accrue from a reduction of the charge; and praying that the rent may be reduced and its collection be placed under such regulations as will secure to the Grand Lodge its punctual discharge, and also that a compromise be made with those Chapters which are now in arrears.

The above memorial was referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers McAlpin, Gowen and Hopkins.

December 17, 1827.

Brother THOMAS KITTERA, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

A report was received and read from the Committee appointed on the memorial of the Royal Arch Chapters for a reduction of rent, offering the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following sums be received in full of the debts due by the respective Chapters on the 27th inst., provided the same be paid within three months from St. John's Day next, viz.:

Royal Arch Chapter No. 3		\$140	for about	\$475
" " " 51	80	"		190
" " " 52	80	"		181
" " " 91 and 67	140	"		585
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		\$440		\$1,431

Resolved, That the rent, including fuel and lighting, of the Chapter-room be reduced to forty dollars, from next St. John's Day, for twelve stated meetings to each Chapter, and for other meetings to the price of lighting as now established.

Resolved, That the rent, &c., of the Chapters shall be paid semi-annually, and that any Chapter in arrears for the rent of twelve months shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if such arrears be not paid within three months from the date of the notice, the defaulting Chapter shall be deprived of the privilege of meeting in the Hall until its arrears be paid.

April 18, 1836.

Brother T. B. FREEMAN, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

On motion of the R. W. Grand Senior Warden, and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to balance the accounts of the Grand Chapter and all subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges in arrears to the Grand Lodge up to the 27th December, 1834, by profit and loss.

June 20, 1836.

Brother T. B. FREEMAN, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

On motion, and seconded, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the Masters of the different Lodges and Mark Lodges, and also the Chiefs of the Royal Arch Chapters, that unless they pay up their dues according to the resolutions passed on the 7th of March and the 18th of April, on or before the 1st of September next, the Lodges shall be suspended and the Chapters excluded from meeting in the Chapter-room until such payment be made.

December 27, 1836.

Brother T. B. FREEMAN, *R. W. Grand Master*, in the chair.

On motion made, and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the time allowed to the subordinate Lodges and Chapters for the payment of their dues, rent, &c., for the year 1835, be extended to the third Monday in January.

[N O T E .]

The foregoing is all that is contained in the Records of the Grand Lodge having reference to Royal Arch Masonry and the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

OF THE

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF PENNSYLVANIA,

A. D. 1812, A. I. 2342 - A. D. 1864, A. I. 2394.

STATED MEETING OF THE
Grand Hiram Royal Arch Chapter,

Held at Philadelphia, December 21, A. D. 1812.

Comp. FREDERICK ERRINGER,	.	.	.	.	1st Chief <i>p. t.</i>
“ WALTER KERR,	.	.	.	.	2d Chief <i>p. t.</i>
“ WILLIAM WRAY,	.	.	.	.	3d Chief <i>p. t.</i>

*A Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in ample form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

Returns were received from Chapters No. 51 and 52, and directed to be entered in the Grand Chapter's records.

The Committee appointed on the 17th of December, 5812, for the purpose of revising and amending the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter and report a uniform mode of working for the different Chapters under this jurisdiction, in part of the different duties intrusted to them, reported the Code of By-Laws which follow these minutes, which was adopted.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to present the report to the R. W. Grand Lodge for their approbation, and was instructed to inform them at the same time that this Grand Chapter, being now able, are desirous to contribute to the annual income of the fraternity by paying in future sixty dollars rent for the Arch room.

A Committee was appointed to report a suitable device for a seal and design for a certificate engraving for this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Royal Arch officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were found duly elected to their respective offices:

The R. W. GRAND MASTER,	.	.	.	1st Chief <i>ex officio.</i>
Comp. FREDERICK ERRINGER,	.	.	.	2d Chief <i>ex officio.</i>
“ WALTER KERR,	.	.	.	3d Chief <i>ex officio.</i>
“ ANDREW M. PREVOST,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Recorder.</i>
“ THOMAS AMIES,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>

* The minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, and all the records prior to the above, were destroyed by fire in 1819. The above title, "Grand Hiram," is an extract from the minutes: why it is used instead of "Holy" we cannot learn, for the records do not show; no doubt it was a mistake of the Grand Recorder.

COMMITTEE.

Whereupon the M. E. Second Chief, in the absence of the R. W. Grand Master, was pleased to appoint—

Comp. LIPPINCOTT,	<i>1st Grand Master.</i>
“ BURDEN,	<i>2d Grand Master.</i>
“ DARRACH,	<i>3d Grand Master.</i>
“ NEWCOMB,	<i>Grand Royal Arch Chaplain.</i>
“ RAGUET,	<i>Z.</i>

The Chapter closed in harmony, to meet again, agreeably to the new Regulations, on the third Monday in February, 5813.

ANDREW M. PREVOST,
Grand Recorder.

LAWNS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees: the three first of which are that of the *Apprentice*, the *Fellow-Craft* and the sublime degree of a *Master Mason*: and a brother being well versed in these degrees, and having discharged the offices of his Lodge, particularly that of *Master*, and fulfilled the duties thereof with the approbation of the brethren of his Lodge, is eligible, on due trial and examination by the Chiefs of the Chapter to whom he shall have applied and by them being found worthy, of being admitted to the fourth degree, *The Holy Royal Arch*.

It follows, of course, that every regular warranted Lodge possesses the power of forming and holding Lodges in each of those several degrees; the last of which, from its preëminence, is denominated amongst Masons a *Chapter*.

That the said Chapters of the Holy Royal Arch may be established, held and conducted with the regularity, discipline and solemnity becoming the sublime intention with which they have from time immemorial been held as an essential component part of *Ancient Masonry*, and that which is the perfection and end of the Beautiful System, the Excellent Masons of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, according to the *old institutions*, assembled and constitutionally convened in General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, have carefully collected, revised and adopted the following regulations for the government thereof; that under the sanction of the Grand Lodge they may be transmitted to every

regular warranted Lodge on the register, and may be solemnly and finally made a part of the Books of Laws and Regulations for the Craft.

I. That no Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch shall be held or convened within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, but under the authority and sanction of a regular subsisting warrant granted by the Grand Lodge according to the old institutions, and by the consent of the said Lodge first signified to the Grand Chapter.

II. That no Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch shall be convened and held for the purpose of making Royal Arch Masons, unless six regular registered Royal Arch Masons be present.

III. That no brother shall be admitted into the Holy Royal Arch but he who has regularly and faithfully passed through the three progressive degrees, and has filled and performed the office of *Worshipful Master* in his Lodge, or *passed the chair by a dispensation of the R. W. Grand Master*; to ascertain which, in either case, they shall deliver to him a certificate to the following purport:

*"To the presiding Chiefs of the
Chapter of Excellent Royal Arch Masons
Under the sanction of Lodge No. : "*

*"Whereas, Our trusty and well-beloved brother, , a Geometric Master Mason, has solicited us to recommend him as a Master Mason, every way qualified, so far as we are judges of the necessary qualifications, for passing the *Holy Royal Arch*; we do hereby certify that the said , our trusty and well-beloved brother, has obtained the consent of our Lodge No. , for the recommendation and signing of this certificate."*

Given under our hands and the seal of our Lodge, this day of , A. D. 18 , A. L 58 .

{ L. S. }

A.	<i>M.</i>
B.	<i>S. W.</i>
C.	<i>J. W.</i>

Secretary.

IV. That a General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch shall be held quarterly on the third Monday in February, May, August and November in each year; and that none but past and

present Chiefs of Chapters duly and regularly formed under the sanction of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and registered, and past and present Grand Officers (being Royal Arch Masons) shall be members thereof; and Royal Arch Masons, members of private Chapters and certified sojourners, to be admitted as visitors only.

V. That for the better preservation of the sublime degrees of Freemasonry a register shall be kept by the Recorder of all the brothers admitted to the Most Excellent degree; and a return of brothers so admitted by the private Chapters of their own or other Lodges, mentioning the name and time of exalting every brother, shall be presented at the General Grand Chapters held quarterly as aforesaid, to be entered in the register book of the General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch.

VI. That on the admission of a new brother the form of a return to the General Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

“We, the three Chiefs whose names are hereunto subscribed, do certify that in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, convened and held under the sanction and warrant of the Worshipful Lodge No. , our beloved brothers A. B., C. D. and E. F., having delivered to us the proper certificates, and proved themselves, by due examination, to be well qualified in the three degrees of Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, and to have passed the chair, were by us admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons.”

Given under our hands and the seal of our Chapter this day of , in the year of Masonry 58 , and in the year of our Lord 18 .

{ L. S. }

A.	Z. }
B.	H. } Chiefs.
C.	J. }

Recorder.

VII. That all registered Royal Arch Masons shall be entitled to a Grand Royal Arch certificate on the payment of two silver dollars of the United States for the same, which shall be applied as follows, to wit: half a dollar for the Grand Recorder, and one dollar and fifty cents for the use of the General Grand Chapter.

VIII. That the Grand Tyler shall be allowed one dollar fifty

cents for each meeting, for tying, serving notices, &c., &c., to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Chapter.

IX. That towards defraying the expenses of private Chapters a sum not less than eight silver dollars shall be charged on and paid by the brother admitted at any Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, one dollar of which shall be paid to the general grand fund on the registering of the brother, and twenty-five cents to the Grand Recorder.

X. That a member of any Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, recommended by the Master Wardens and Secretary in open Lodge, and after due trial and examination, the brother being a Master Mason and having passed the chair, shall, if approved by the Royal Arch Chapter to whom the brother is recommended, be admitted to the degree of Excellent Royal Arch Mason; and that sojourners, not residents of the State of Pennsylvania, recommended by at least three Excellent Royal Arch Masons, and on the approbation of the Chapter to whom they shall have applied, after due trial and examination as aforesaid, shall also be admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons.

XI. That Excellent Royal Arch Masons, producing proper certificates from any Chapter under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, in which they were admitted, to the satisfaction of the Grand Chiefs in Philadelphia, the Grand Recorder or any two of them, shall be entitled to be registered and receive a Grand Royal Arch certificate immediately if required, for which the Grand Recorder shall make his report at the next Grand Chapter.

XII. That at the quarterly General Grand Chapter, held in November in every year, the said General Grand Chapter shall elect their officers, saving that the R. W. Grand Master for the time being, if of that degree, shall be the first Grand Chief, make their own by-laws, and shall hear and decide upon all complaints and appeals from Chapters held under the warrants granted or to be granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

February 15, 1813.

Companion ERRINGER, *First Chief p. t.*, presiding.

The Committee appointed to present the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Lodge reported that they had

attended to that duty, and had received from the Grand Secretary the following communication:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

IN EXTRA GRAND COMMUNICATION,

PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, January 4, 1813.

The Committee on By-Laws made report on the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which was read and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,
And Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:*

The Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, report that they have examined the same, and recommend that they be approved of by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and that so much of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed 23d November, 5795, as directs that "the Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold one stated annual Chapter, on the day preceding St. John the Evangelist, in each year, and occasional Chapters when necessity requires," be repealed.

(Signed by the Committee.)

The Committee was, of course, discharged.

The Committee on Seal, &c., was continued.

Ordered that two hundred copies of the Laws and Regulations be printed.

EXTRA MEETING,

March 17, 1813.

Companion ERRINGER, *First Chief p. t.*, presiding.

On motion, *Resolved*, That application be made from this Chapter to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to pass a resolution authorizing the Grand Chapter to require from every Chapter held under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge that a copy of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations adopted by such Chapter, as well as any alterations hereafter made by them in the same, be submitted to this Grand Chapter for approbation, and to grant to the Grand Chapter the power of deciding conclusively upon the same.

The Recorder was directed to transmit the above.

May 17, 1813.

Companion ERRINGER, *First Chief p. t.*, presiding.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form; and, not having any business to transact, closed in harmony.

November 15, 1813.

No Grand Chapter met in the intermediate time between May and November.

This 15th of November, the Grand Chapter opened in solemn form.

Companion ERRINGER, *First Chief p. t.*, presiding.

The Committee appointed 17th of December, 1810, to report a uniform rule of working for the different Chapters under this jurisdiction, was discharged.

Committee on Seals continued.

The Recorder was again directed to call on the Secretary for the resolution of the Grand Lodge granting them certain privileges over the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

The Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Royal Arch officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were found duly elected:

Comp. ERRINGER,	.	.	.	.	.	.	<i>2d Grand Chief.</i>
“ B. JONES, JR.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	<i>3d Grand Chief.</i>
“ PREVOST,	.	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Grand Recorder.</i>
“ AMIES,	.	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>

The M. E. Second Grand Chief, in the absence of the First Grand Chief, then reappointed the same Grand Masters Royal Arch Captain and Zerubbabel.

February 21, 1814.

Companion ERRINGER, *Second Chief, First Chief p. t.*, presiding.

Grand Chapter opened in due form and closed in harmony.

Committee on Seal and Printing continued.

May 16, 1814.

Companion ERRINGER, *Second Chief, First Chief p. t.*, presiding.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Grand Chapter Seal apply to Chapter No. 52 for the seal in their possession belonging to the Grand Chapter.

NOTE.—A memorandum, in pencil, upon the minute book, states that "in August the Grand Recorder was in camp," and there is no record of any transactions of the Grand Chapter from May 16, 1814, until May 15, 1815; pages were left blank for the recording of the *minutes* for that time.

Monday, May 15, 1815.

Companion FREDERICK ERRINGER, *M. E. First Chief p. t.*, presiding.

A sufficient number of members being present, Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in solemn form.

The book of minutes not being in the Chapter, on motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three Companions be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any what, alterations or amendments are necessary to be made in the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, and that the Committee make report at the next stated meeting.

Companions Newcomb, McCorkle and Darrough were appointed the Committee, under the above resolution.

NOTE.—The minutes of the meetings of August and November, 1815, are not recorded.

Monday, February 9, 1816.

Companion WALTER KERR, *M. E. First Grand Chief*, presiding.

A communication was received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, which was read and referred to Companions Newcomb, Ireland and De Silver.

Returns of elections, members, &c., &c., for 1814 and 1815, were received from Chapter No. 3, ordered to be filed, and the new members recorded in the record book of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were appointed a Committee to wait on the late Grand Recorder to procure the books and papers of the Grand Chapter.

May 15, 1816.

There not being a sufficient number of Companions present, the Grand Chapter was not opened.

August 19, 1816.

Companion WALTER KERR, *M. E. First Grand Chief*, presiding.

On motion, the Committee appointed to wait on the late Grand Recorder to procure the books and papers of the Grand Chapter was discharged.

And, on motion, Companions Newcomb and Potts were appointed to wait on the late Grand Recorder, Companion Andrew M. Prevost, to procure the books and papers of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter adjourn to meet on the third Monday in September next.

September 16, 1816.

Companion WALTER KERR, *M. E. First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The Committee appointed on the Laws and Regulations for the instruction and government of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania according to the old Constitutions, made report, which was read; and, on motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the report be postponed until the third Monday in October next.

October 21, 1816.

Companion WALTER KERR, *M. E. First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand Chief stated that this meeting was convened in pursuance of an adjournment for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee of this Grand Chapter on the Laws and Regulations for the instruction and government of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, &c.

Whereupon the said report was read, and, on motion, the same was ordered to be read by sections. The first section was read, debated upon, and, on motion made and seconded,

The Grand Chapter was closed in harmony.

MONDAY, November 18, 1816.

Companion FREDERICK ERRINGER, *M. E. First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

Companion McCorkle, as Chairman of the Committee who made the report debated the last two meetings of the Grand Chapter, asked leave to withdraw the report. Whereupon leave was unanimously given; and the report was accordingly withdrawn.

It was unanimously *Resolved*, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion the Grand Chapter proceeded to an election for officers; when—

Comp. FREDERICK ERRINGER was reëlected	<i>2d Grand Chief.</i>
“ JAMES MCALPIN was reëlected	<i>3d Grand Chief.</i>
“ GEORGE A. BAKER, Jr., was elected	<i>Grand Recorder.</i>
“ THOMAS AMIES was reëlected	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>

The Most Excellent High Priest made the following appointments, to wit:

Comp. NATHAN R. POTTS,	<i>Zerubbabel.</i>
“ J. W. PETER,	<i>1st Grand Master.</i>
“ JOSIAH RANDALL,	<i>2d Grand Master.</i>
“ WILLIAM McCORKLE,	<i>3d Grand Master.</i>
“ LAMBERT KEATTING,	<i>R. A. Captain.</i>
“ SAMUEL H. JACOBS,	<i>Grand Sojourner.</i>
“ WILLIAM SCHNIDER,	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of procuring dresses, hangings and jewels for the Grand Chapter, the probable amount of the cost, and the state of the funds of this Grand Chapter, and make report.

The following resolution was offered, and ordered to lay on the table:

Resolved, That the subordinate Chapters shall pay annually to this Grand Chapter the sum of fifty cents for each member.

February 17, 1817.

Companion FREDERICK ERRINGER, *M. E. First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

A communication was received and read from Concordia Lodge, No. 67, stating that the said Lodge had given its consent to a number of the members of the said Lodge, being Royal Arch Masons, to hold a Royal Arch Chapter under the sanction of their warrant. Whereupon, on motion, the same was approved, and the said Chapter and its members ordered to be registered.

Returns were received and read from Chapters Nos. 67, 3 and 52.

The account of the Grand Lodge against this Grand Chapter for three years' rent and lighting, amounting to \$195, was received and read; and, on motion, the same was ordered to be paid.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the three Grand Chiefs be a Committee to examine the past minutes of this Grand Chapter, and perfect them as far as is practicable.

MONDAY, May 19, 1817.

Companion WALTER KERR, *M. E. First Grand Chief*, presiding.

A communication was received and read from a number of Royal Arch Masons, members of the Worshipful Lodge No. 103, "Las Virtudes Feologales," under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held at the city of Havana, in the island of Cuba, setting forth as follows, to wit:

"To the Sovereign Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, greeting: As no regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons has yet existed in this region, a number of very worthy members of Lodge No. 103, zealous and indefatigable promoters of the institution, have not obtained a competent reward. And as the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter annexed to the above Lodge will be productive of great advantage to Masonry in general, we, the undersigned, having met and held conference in due form, humbly petition the Sovereign Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania for a warrant to establish and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch annexed to Lodge No. 103, in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the forms and regulations of that

Sovereign Grand Royal Arch Chapter, to which, should this petition be granted, we promise a strict conformity; and to that effect have nominated and appointed Brother Bartolomé Siberio to be High Priest; Brother Santiago W. Perrossier, King; Brother Francisco de Paula Lopez, Scribe; Brother Pierre Picena, Secretary; Brother Jean Simon Houard, Treasurer; and Brother Juan Luis Acosta, Royal Arch Captain. And the petitioners will forever pray the Supreme Architect of the Universe to grant you health, union and prosperity."

Whereupon, on motion made, and seconded, *Resolved unanimously*, That the said Chapter be recognized and acknowledged as a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, working under the sanction of the warrant of Lodge No. 103, held at the city of Havana; that the above-named Companions be acknowledged as the present officers of the said Chapter; and that the Grand Recorder be directed to register the said Chapter and its members.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing proceedings, signed by the three Grand Chiefs and attested by the Grand Recorder, under the seal of the Grand Chapter, be transmitted to said Chapter.

MONDAY, August 18, 1817.

Companion WALTER KERR, *M. E. First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest informed the Companions that Royal Arch Chapter No. 52 had, in a very handsome manner, presented to this Grand Chapter a seal, with a suitable device and inscription, and which was now in the possession of the Grand Recorder.

Whereupon, on motion, *Resolved unanimously*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be returned to Royal Arch Chapter No. 52 for the handsome and appropriate seal they presented to this Grand Chapter; that the Grand Recorder be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to Royal Arch Chapter No. 52.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to procure a seal and certificate engraving for this Grand Chapter be discharged from that part of the duty assigned them which relates to the procuring of a seal.

November 17, 1817.

Companion WALTER KERR, *M. E. First Grand Chief*, presiding.

A communication dated Havana, 25th of July, 5817, from Royal Arch Chapter No. 103, was received and read, containing an account of the organization of said Chapter and of the exaltation of sundry Companions therein; which was ordered to be filed.

The following resolution was offered, and ordered to be laid on the table:

Resolved, That the Seventh Article of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter be altered by expunging the word "two" in the third line thereof, and inserting "four."

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to report a suitable design for a certificate engraving for this Grand Chapter be authorized to have a certificate engraved as soon as possible.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced this as the night of the annual election; and it was *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter do now proceed to the election; when—

Comp. JAMES McALPIN	was duly elected	2d <i>Grand Chief</i> .
" LAMBERT KEATTING	was duly elected	3d <i>Grand Chief</i> .
" GEORGE A. BAKER	was duly reelected	<i>Grand Recorder</i> .
" THOMAS AMIES	was duly reelected	<i>Grand Treasurer</i> .

February 16, 1818.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *M. E. First Grand Chief*, presiding.

Grand Chapter opened in solemn form, and closed in harmony at half-past 9 P. M.

May 18, 1818.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *M. E. First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The account of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania against the Grand Chapter, for one year's rent and lighting to 27th December last, amounting to sixty-five dollars, was read, and ordered to be paid.

August 17, 1818.

Companion LAMBERT KEATTING, *M. E. First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form, at 8 o'clock P. M., and closed in harmony.

November 16, 1818.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest informed the Companions that this was the evening appointed by the regulations of the Grand Chapter for the election of Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year; whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter do now proceed to an election; when—

Comp. LAMBERT KEATTING was duly elected *2d Grand Chief*.
 " WILLIAM McCORKLE was duly elected *3d Grand Chief*.
 " GEORGE A. BAKER was duly reëlected *Grand Recorder*.
 " THOMAS AMIES was duly reëlected *Grand Treasurer*.

A resolution, in the words following, was offered, and ordered to be laid on the table, to wit:

Resolved, That the Fourth Article of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter be altered so as to read as follows, viz.:

A General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch shall be held quarterly, on the third Monday in February, May, August and November in each year. It shall be composed of past and present Chiefs of subordinate Chapters, and also of all Royal Arch Masons who are members of the Grand Lodge, and, at the same time, members of subordinate Chapters. But no Royal Arch Mason shall be eligible to office in the Grand Chapter, unless he has previously served as a Chief of a subordinate Chapter. All other Royal Arch Masons may be admitted as visitors, on motion.

February 15, 1819.

Companion LAMBERT KEATTING, *M. E. First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

On motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the consideration of the resolution laid on the table at the last meeting for altering

the Fourth Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter; when, the same being under consideration, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next stated meeting.

May 17, 1819.

Companion WILLIAM McCORKLE, *First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

A communication was received and read from the Grand Chapter of Ohio, containing an account of their proceedings in December, 1818; which was ordered to be deposited among the archives of the Grand Chapter.

An account for rent and lighting was presented from the Grand Lodge, amounting to one hundred and thirty dollars, and ordered to be paid.

OLD MASONIC HALL, FILBERT STREET,

August 16, 1819.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The Committee appointed to procure a certificate engraving for the Grand Chapter made report, as follows:

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed to procure a Grand Royal Arch certificate respectfully report:

That they have procured one, an impression of which is herewith produced, and also the bill for executing the same, amounting to two hundred and ten dollars, which they offer to the Grand Chapter for their approbation and adoption.

B. NEWCOMB,

J. S. KAY,

On behalf of the Committee.

Philadelphia, August 16, 1819.

Which report was adopted, and the bill for engraving was ordered to be paid.

On motion, the resolution to alter the Seventh Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, read on the 17th of November, 1817, and ordered to be laid on the table, was taken up for con-

sideration and adopted; and, on motion, several other alterations were made in said Article. The Article, as altered and adopted, is as follows, to wit:

All registered Royal Arch Masons shall be entitled to a Grand Royal Arch certificate on payment of four dollars, which shall be applied as follows, to wit: two dollars for the use of the General Grand Chapter, and two dollars for the Grand Recorder, he paying for parchment, printing, &c.

November 15, 1819.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

A letter was received and read from Joseph J. Lewis, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, requesting payment of the sum of sixty dollars, due the Grand Lodge for rent and lighting, which was ordered to be paid.

The following amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter were offered, and ordered to be laid on the table, viz.:

After the word "case," in the seventh line of Article III, add, "if the brother be a member of a Lodge held in the city of Philadelphia or within nine miles thereof;" and after the word "Pennsylvania," in the tenth line of Article X, add, "and members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held not within nine miles of the city of Philadelphia."

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, and report what alterations, if any, are necessary to be made therein.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election, when—

Comp. WILLIAM McCORKLE was duly elected *2d Grand Chief*.

" ALPHONSO C. IRELAND was duly elected *3d Grand Chief*.

" GEORGE A. BAKER was duly reëlected *Grand Recorder*.

" FREDERICK ERRINGER was duly reëlected *Grand Treasurer*.

February 21, 1820.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The amendments to the regulations of the Grand Chapter, laid on the table at the last meeting, were called for consideration, and adopted.

May 15, 1820.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

An extract from the minutes of Lodge No. 75, held in Charles-town township, Chester county, was received and read; whereby it appeared that the said Lodge, on the 12th of September, 1818, granted permission to a number of Royal Arch Masons, members of said Lodge, to open a Chapter under the sanction of the warrant of the Lodge.

The return of members, account of dues, and election returns for the years 1818 and 1819, were presented and read.

On motion, the said Chapter was recognized as a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and its members ordered to be registered.

An account was presented from the Grand Lodge, amounting to one hundred and fifteen dollars, for rent and lighting, which was ordered to be paid.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed, three of which to be composed of the Grand Chiefs of the Grand Chapter, to inquire and report whether the present habiliments of the different subordinate Chapters are in due and ancient form, and in what respect, if any, they require alteration.

August 21, 1820.

A sufficient number of members of the Grand Chapter were not present to open it.

November 21, 1820.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

This being the evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Chapter for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election; when the following Companions were duly elected to the offices annexed to their respective names:

Comp. WILLIAM McCORKLE,	2d <i>Grand Chief.</i>
“ NATHAN R. POTTS,	3d <i>Grand Chief.</i>
(Comp. IRELAND having declined a reëlection.)	
“ GEORGE A. BAKER,	<i>Grand Recorder.</i>
“ FREDERICK ERRINGER,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>

February 19, 1821.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

Sundry communications, received from the Grand Chapter of Ohio, were referred to a Committee to examine and report thereon at the next meeting of this Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter adjourned at 7 o'clock P. M., to meet again on Monday, the 19th of March next, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

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March 19, 1821.

Companion WILLIAM McCORKLE, *First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

A communication was received and read from sundry Royal Arch Masons, stating that they had opened a Chapter in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, under the sanction of the warrant of Lodge No. 64; whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That said Chapter be recognized as a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

The Committee to whom were referred the communications from the Grand Chapter of Ohio made report, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

“PHILADELPHIA, *March 19, 1821.*

“*To the M. E. Grand Chief and Companions of the
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

“The Committee to whom were referred sundry communications from the Grand Chapter of Ohio respectfully report—

“That they have carefully deliberated on the importance of the documents referred to them, and are of opinion that much good and no harm may result from opening a free and friendly correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Ohio upon any subjects on which there is a variance or difference of opinion; but that, at present, there does not appear any necessity for a meeting of delegates from the two Grand Chapters. If such a measure should be deemed advisable hereafter, it will probably arise out of the nature of the correspondence.

“They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania be requested to open a free

and friendly correspondence on the part of the said Grand Chapter with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Ohio, and to ascertain whether there are any, and if any what, matters of variance between them, which might be adjusted in a friendly manner, so as to advance the interests of both, and of the Royal Craft generally.

“All of which is respectfully submitted.

“WILLIAM McCORKLE,
“MICHAEL NISBET.”

Which report was adopted.

On motion, the said communications from the Grand Chapter of Ohio were read and ordered to be deposited among the archives of the Grand Chapter.

A communication was received and read from the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, containing the names of their Grand Officers, &c., which was ordered to be deposited among the archives of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder acknowledge the receipt of the above communication from the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, and that he forward to the said Grand Chapter the names of the officers of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for the present year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee, consisting of one member from each Chapter held in the city, be appointed to confer with the Hall Committee, on the subject of the furniture of the Arch.

An account was presented from the Grand Lodge, for rent and lighting, amounting to one hundred and ninety dollars; which, on motion, the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay as soon as he should have money sufficient in his hands for the purpose.

May 21, 1821.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

Committee appointed November 15, 1819, to examine accounts of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, were discharged, and a new Committee appointed in their place.

August 20, 1821.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

Committee on Treasurer's books made report, which was adopted.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, in January last, were received and referred to a Special Committee to examine and report thereon.

A communication, dated Columbus, July 22, 1821, was received from the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and referred to a Special Committee of three, consisting of William McCorkle, Michael Nisbet and James McAlpin.

November 19, 1821.

Companion BAYSE NEWCOMB, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

An extract from the minutes of Chapter No. 51, held at Philadelphia, was received and read, and is as follows, to wit:

STATED MEETING OF CHAPTER NO. 51,

November 8, 1821.

“On motion made, and seconded, it was—

“*Resolved*, That the officers of Holy Royal Arch Chapter No. 51 be requested to make known to the Grand Chapter, at its next meeting, the wishes of the Companions of this Chapter that the Grand Chapter should take into consideration the propriety of adopting some rule or order for the interest of its members, so that they may participate in the general benefits of Arch Masonry throughout the United States.

“Extract from the minutes.

(Signed)

“P. BENSON, *Recorder.*”

On motion, the said extract from the minutes of Chapter No. 51 was referred to the Committee to whom was referred, on the 20th of August last, the communication from the Grand Chapter of Ohio, to inquire and make report.

On motion, Companions Christian Kneass and John D. Ferguson were added to the above Committee, and the Committee was directed to report at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

A bill for one hundred and ninety dollars, rent due the Grand Lodge, was presented; and, on motion, the Grand Treasurer was

directed to pay the same when the funds in his hands would admit thereof.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election, with the following result:

Comp. NATHAN R. POTTS,	<i>2d Grand Chief.</i>
" HENRY HORN,	<i>3d Grand Chief.</i>
" GEORGE A. BAKER,	<i>Grand Recorder.</i>
" FREDERICK ERRINGER,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>

February 18, 1822.

Companion JOSIAH RANDALL, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The Committee on the communication from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky made report, in which they stated that they had found nothing of an interesting nature to this Grand Chapter, or which it is necessary particularly to notice; and, on motion, the said communication was filed among the archives of this Grand Chapter.

Communications from the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire and Ohio were received and filed.

Adjourned in harmony, at 8 o'clock P. M., to meet on Monday, the 16th of March next.

March 18, 1822.

Companion JOSIAH RANDALL, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

Bill from Grand Lodge, for rent and lighting, amounting to two hundred and fifty-seven dollars, was presented; and the Grand Treasurer was "ordered to pay it when the funds in his hands admit thereof."

May 20, 1822.

Companion JOSIAH RANDALL, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky was received, and referred to a Special Committee to examine and report.

On motion, and seconded, the Committee to whom were referred the communications from the Grand Chapter of Ohio and Chapter No. 51, in Philadelphia, was discharged.

On motion, and seconded, *Resolved*, That, on a reorganization of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter ought not to change the existing numbers of the present Chapters working under its jurisdiction.

On motion of Companion Michael Nisbet, and seconded by Companion Edward King, sundry resolutions for the reorganization of the Grand Chapter were presented and read, and are as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That there shall be a Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch held half-yearly, at Philadelphia, on the third Monday in the months of April and October; that, agreeably to established custom, the officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge (being Royal Arch Masons) shall be the Grand Chiefs, to wit:

The *R. W. Grand Master* shall be the

M. E. Grand High Priest.

The *R. W. Deputy Grand Master* shall be the

M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

The *R. W. Senior Grand Warden* shall be the

M. E. Grand King.

The *R. W. Junior Grand Warden* shall be the

M. E. Grand Scribe, and shall preside at all Grand Chapters, according to seniority.

The *R. W. Grand Secretary* and the *R. W. Grand Treasurer* shall be, respectively, the

M. E. Grand Secretary and *Grand Treasurer* of the Grand Chapter.

The R. W. Grand Master shall, on the day of his installation, appoint all the officers of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. The Grand Chapter shall be composed of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge. (being Royal Arch Masons,) of all past and present Chiefs of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, and of all members of the Grand Lodge who are Royal Arch Masons and members of a subordinate Chapter. That no Chief hereafter to be elected shall be a member of the Grand Chapter unless he is a member of the Grand Lodge.

2. The Grand Chapter may be held more frequently than is specified in the first resolution, if occasion requires, at the discretion of the Grand Chiefs, or upon application for that purpose being made to them by at least six Royal Arch Masons, being

members of the Grand Chapter; but at such Grand Chapter of emergency any established law shall not be altered, nor shall any new law that may be made be binding until ratified and confirmed by a regular half-yearly Grand Chapter.

3. Register books shall be kept by the Grand Secretary for the insertion of every Companion's name, as well as all other transactions (which may be lawfully written) relating to Royal Arch Masonry.

4. No Chapter of Holy Royal Arch shall be held or considered acting under the authority of this Grand Chapter, unless the party composing such Chapter shall possess a regular subsisting warrant, specifically granted for that purpose, and which warrant must be produced at every meeting of said Chapter.

5. No Chapter shall be convened or held for the purpose of exalting any person to the degree of Holy Royal Arch Mason, unless nine regular Royal Arch Masons be present.

6. No person shall be admitted to this degree but he who hath been regularly initiated into the first degree of Masonry, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft and solemnly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and obtained the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason, passed the chair by election or dispensation, and received and accepted a Most Excellent Master, and recommended by four Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter to which he may apply, which recommenders shall vouch his qualifications, as above required.

7. No Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons held within nine miles of the city shall exalt any brother to this degree for a less sum than ten dollars.

8. Every Chapter held under the sanction of this Grand Chapter shall, on or before the third Monday in October in each and every year, make a return to the Grand Secretary containing the names of those who from time to time may be exalted, as well as of those who may join such Chapter, mentioning the time when and the Chapter at which such Companion may have been originally exalted, of which the Grand Secretary shall make his report to the Grand Chapter yearly.

9. The form of a return to the Grand Secretary shall be in manner following:

“We, the three Chiefs whose names are hereunto subscribed, do certify that in Chapter No. , of Holy Royal Arch Masons,

held at , in the State of Pennsylvania, the following exaltations and admissions have been made up to the day of , A. D. 18 :

“On the day of , A. D. 18 , Brother , a member of Lodge No. , held at ”

Given under our hands and the seal of our Chapter, this day of , A. M. 58 , A. D. 18 .

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10. No brother shall be exalted to this degree who is not at the time a member of some Lodge; nor shall any Companion continue a member of a Chapter longer than six months after he shall have withdrawn from a Lodge.

11. No brother shall hereafter be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge who has not previously received all the degrees specified in the sixth resolution.

12. The prices of warrants to be granted by this Grand Chapter shall be (exclusive of the Grand Secretary's fees) as follows:

For a Holy Royal Arch Chapter, . . . ten dollars;

For a Most Excellent Master's Lodge, . . ten dollars;

For a Mark Master's Lodge, . . . ten dollars;

and no Lodges of Most Excellent Master or Mark Master shall be held without such warrant.

13. The Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Most Excellent Masters' Lodges, and Mark Masters' Lodges, held within nine miles of this city, shall pay to this Grand Chapter the following fees and dues:

For every brother who shall be exalted to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, . . . two dollars;

For every brother who is received and accepted as a Most Excellent Master, . . . one dollar;

For every brother who receives the honorary degree of Mark Master, . . . fifty cents;

And for each member of said Chapter or Lodge, per year, twenty-five cents.

14. The Grand Secretary shall be entitled to receive the following fees, viz.:

For every warrant to hold a Holy Royal Arch Chapter, six dollars;

For every warrant to hold a Most Excellent Master's Lodge, six dollars;
 For every warrant to hold a Mark Master's Lodge, six dollars;
 For a Grand Royal Arch Chapter certificate, four dollars;
 For a Most Excellent Master's certificate, four dollars;
 For a Mark Master's certificate, four dollars;
 For registering each name, twelve and a-half cents.
 He shall also be entitled to receive six dollars from the Grand Chapter for each meeting thereof.

15. That warrants shall be granted to Chapters now in existence free of any charge for the same, except the Grand Secretary's fees, and shall be numbered according to the warrants under which they now respectively work; and all warrants to be granted to Chapters hereafter to be instituted shall be numbered in regular succession, commencing with the next number following the highest which is now in existence.

16. That after providing appropriate furniture for the Grand Chapter, and paying the necessary expenses thereof, the balance of money belonging to the Grand Chapter shall be paid over annually to the Grand Lodge.

17. That the preceding resolutions shall go into operation and take effect from and after the 1st day of December next, and shall be considered as part of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge; and all previous Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the resolutions now presented for the government of this Grand Chapter be referred to a Committee of five members, to examine and report thereon; and that the R. W. Grand Lodge be respectfully invited to appoint a like Committee to confer on the same with the Committee appointed by this Grand Chapter.

The M. E. First Grand Chief appointed Companions Michael Nisbet, James McAlpin, S. F. Bradford, George Russell and F. Erringer a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, and seconded, *Resolved*, That all regular Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are entitled to equal rights and privileges, and ought to be placed on the same footing.

August 19, 1822.

Companion JAMES MCALPIN, *First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolutions relative to a reorganization of the Grand Chapter made report, as follows:

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed to examine into and report on certain resolutions containing a proposed system for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, submitted to the Grand Chapter at its last meeting, respectfully report:

That, in conjunction with a Committee of a similar number appointed for the same purpose by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, they carefully proceeded to the examination of the resolutions submitted, and, after giving them the fullest reflection, are of opinion that the adoption of the same is *inexpedient*.

The Committee not conceiving their duty as terminating here have proceeded to digest such a system for the government of Royal Arch Masonry as will, in their opinion, give the Grand Chapter the powers necessary to a vigorous and efficient government. The proposed system is embraced in the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the present powers of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania be and are hereby so far enlarged as to empower the Grand Chapter to issue warrants for the holding of Chapters of Holy Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Mark, Most Excellent, and Royal Master Masons, and the same to suspend, revoke and restore at pleasure; to form a Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, for its own government; to regulate, superintend and control the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of subordinate Chapters, Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Master Masons' Lodges, under its jurisdiction; and to preside over and govern the same according to the ancient usages and customs of Masonry: *Provided always nevertheless*, That these powers shall always be held under the following restrictions and qualifications, which shall be and are fundamental conditions of this grant, viz.:

First. That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (being a Holy Royal Arch Mason) shall be, *ex officio*, Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Second. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall on no pretence grant warrants authorizing the entering, passing and raising, and passing the chair, of any person or persons, at any place or places within or without the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or in any way interfere with those degrees or the government thereof.

Third. That no person shall continue to be a member of any Chapter for a longer time than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of a Blue Lodge.

Fourth. That all meetings of the Grand and subordinate Chapters, Mark Lodges, and Most Excellent and Royal Masters' Lodges in Philadelphia shall be held in the present Masonic Hall, or in any other hall used by the Grand Lodge which shall be sufficiently commodious for their accommodation.

Fifth. That nothing herein contained shall be considered as a recognition by the Grand Lodge of the degrees of Royal Master, Most Excellent Master, and Mark Master, as degrees of Ancient York Masonry.

Your Committee beg leave to close their report by offering the following resolutions, viz. :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter approve of the system of government embraced in the preceding resolution, and respectfully recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the same.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged.

J. MCALPIN,
FREDERICK ERRINGER,
GEORGE RUSSELL.

The report was adopted, and a Committee of three was appointed to present it to the Grand Lodge for their consideration and adoption.

November 18, 1822.

Companion JOSIAH RANDALL, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The following resolution was read and laid on the table :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee presented and adopted at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter on certain resolutions containing a proposed system for the government of Royal Arch Masonry be reconsidered.

The following Companions were duly elected officers of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year:

Comp. NATHAN R. POTTS,	2d Grand Chief.
“ HENRY HORN,	3d Grand Chief.
“ GEORGE A. BAKER,	Grand Recorder.
“ FREDERICK ERRINGER,	Grand Treasurer.

December 7, 1822.

Companion JOSIAH RANDALL, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to reconsider the report of the Committee on organization of the Grand Chapter; and it was, on motion, referred to a Committee of seven to take the same into consideration, and report thereon.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire what measures are necessary to be taken in order to preserve to the members of the subordinate Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, their rights and privileges as Royal Arch Masons, and to make report thereon.

December 30, 1822.

Companion JOSIAH RANDALL, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

A communication was received and read, stating that a new Chapter had been opened in the city of Philadelphia, under the sanction of the warrant of Lodge No. 91, to be known by the name, style and title of “Columbia Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91;” and that, on the 18th of September, 1822, the following Companions had been appointed officers thereof, viz.: C. Stout, High Priest; J. Horton, King; J. Kenworthy, Scribe; T. S. Manning, Recorder; S. P. Barbier, Treasurer.

On motion, said Chapter was duly recognized as a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

The Committee to whom was referred the plan of a system for the government of Royal Arch Masonry made report, which was read; and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That no vote on the final passage of the Constitution shall be taken before the first Monday in January next.

January 6, 1823.

Companion JOSIAH RANDALL, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

Grand Chapter proceeded to the consideration of the Constitution reported on the 30th December for the government of Royal Arch Masonry.

The First Article being under consideration, a motion was made to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the Constitution, which was decided in the negative.

It was moved by Companion King, and seconded by Companion Fletcher, to postpone the further consideration of the Constitution for the purpose of submitting the following as a substitute:

Whereas, Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees, to wit: the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, and Holy Royal Arch;

And whereas, It is competent for all Lodges possessing a lawful warrant to open a Chapter and exalt Masons to the supreme degree of Holy Royal Arch;

And whereas, therefore, The existence of a Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter is unnecessary where there exists a Grand Lodge in the same jurisdiction, and in which the lawful government of Ancient Masonry exclusively exists: Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter be and is hereby adjourned *sine die*.

January 11, 1823.

Companion JOSIAH RANDALL, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The First Grand Chief made the following appointments:

Comp. GEORGE E. BLAKE,	.	.	.	Zerubbabel.
“ EMMOR T. WEAVER,	.	.	.	1st Grand Master.
“ EDWARD KING,	.	.	.	2d Grand Master.
“ CHARLES STOUT,	.	.	.	3d Grand Master.
“ JOHN DARRAGH,	.	.	.	Principal Sojourner.
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY,	.	.	.	Grand R. A. Captain.
“ WILLIAM SCHNIDER,	.	.	.	Grand Tyler.

On motion, *Resolved unanimously*, That application be made to the Grand Lodge for permission to withdraw the communication from this Grand Chapter presented and read in Grand Lodge on the 16th September last.

Resolved, unanimously, That the consideration of the Constitution now before the Grand Chapter be postponed.

February 17, 1823.

Companion EDWARD KING, *First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding. Grand Chapter was opened; the reading of the minutes postponed; and the Grand Chapter closed.

May 19, 1823.

Companion JOSIAH RANDALL, *First Grand Chief*, presiding. The following communication was received from the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

“The Grand Treasurer most respectfully requests the Grand Royal Arch Chapter will adopt some measure to pay off the large balance of three hundred and twenty-four dollars due to the Grand Lodge. No payment has been made since September 2, 1819.”

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the above sum to the Grand Lodge when the funds in his hands will admit thereof.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the consideration of the Constitution for the government of Holy Royal Arch Masonry be taken up on the third Tuesday of June next, and that the Grand Recorder state the same in the notices.

June 17, 1823.

Companion JOSIAH RANDALL, *First Grand Chief*, presiding. On motion, *Resolved*, That when the Grand Chapter adjourn that it adjourn until Monday next for the purpose of taking up the Constitution for consideration.

June 23, 1823.

Companion NATHAN R. POTTS, *First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

The motion made by Companion King, and seconded by Companion Fletcher, on the 6th of January last, to postpone the con-

sideration of the Constitution for the purpose of taking up a substitute, was decided in the negative.

On motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the consideration of the Constitution.

It was considered by Articles; amended; adopted as amended; and is as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania shall be constituted of all the members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania for the time being who are Royal Arch Masons, and of all Chiefs for the time being, and past Chiefs of subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania: *Provided*, That no Companion, except present and past Grand High Priests and present and past Deputy Grand High Priests, shall be a member of the said Grand Chapter, unless he is a contributing member of some subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall be the officers of the Grand Chapter, viz.:

The R. W. Grand Master shall be the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master shall be the M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Senior Grand Warden shall be the M. E. Grand King.

The Junior Grand Warden shall be the M. E. Grand Scribe; and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be respectively the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter.

All other officers of the Grand Chapter shall be appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, from the members thereof.

ARTICLE III.

The said Grand Chapter shall have the sole and exclusive power to regulate, superintend and control the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, and to govern the same according to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Order.

ARTICLE IV.

From and after this Constitution shall go into operation, no brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the Grand Lodge

who has not previously received the degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

ARTICLE V.

The Grand Chapter shall, until otherwise directed by itself, hold semi-annual meetings on the third Mondays in April and October, in each and every year. They may also meet on their own adjournment, and on the order of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

ARTICLE VI.

No Companion shall continue to be a member of any Chapter for a longer time than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of a Blue Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

All Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Grand Chapter thereof, contrary to the foregoing Constitution, shall be and they are hereby made null and void.

ARTICLE VIII.

No alteration or amendment to this Constitution shall be made unless the same be proposed at one stated semi-annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, and adopted at or after a subsequent stated semi-annual meeting of the said Grand Chapter, by at least two-thirds of the members of the Grand Chapter then present.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall go into operation on and from and after St. John the Evangelist's Day in December next.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to tender the foregoing Constitution to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for their consideration and adoption.

The First Grand Chief appointed Companions Bayse Newcomb, James Harper and T. B. Freeman a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all brethren who now are or hereafter may become Royal Arch Masons to make themselves acquainted with the honorary degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master, as the means of enabling them to meet and act with their brethren in Arch Masonry throughout the United States.

November 17, 1823.

Companion HENRY HORN, *First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

A Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was received and read.

The following resolution was offered by Companion Randall:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter do *non-concur* in the Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry sent by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to this Grand Chapter for their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be requested to transmit to the Grand Lodge, for their information, a copy of this resolution.

Which resolution was postponed; and the consideration of the Constitution was, on motion, made the order of the day for Friday, 28th inst.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to an election for officers to serve the ensuing year, when the following Companions were duly elected:

Comp. HENRY HORN,	<i>2d Grand Chief.</i>
“ ELHANAN W. KEYSER,	<i>3d Grand Chief.</i>
“ NATHAN R. POTTS,	<i>Grand Recorder.</i>
“ FREDERICK ERRINGER,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>

Companion Randall offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That as a testimony of respect for the known worth and meritorious services of our late worthy Companion George A. Baker, Grand Recorder, the jewels and hangings of the Grand Chapter be put in mourning.

November 28, 1823.

Companion NATHAN R. POTTS, *First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

On motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the consideration of the resolution (*non-concurring*) offered at the last stated meeting; and, on the question being taken, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of Conference be appointed to meet a similar Committee, to be appointed by the

Grand Lodge, to digest a Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry.

Companions Potts, Horn and Keyser were appointed that Committee.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Grand Lodge for their information.

December 8, 1823.

Companion HENRY HORN, *First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

It having been stated that a Committee of Conference to whom was referred the Constitution reported by the Grand Lodge to this Grand Chapter were not ready to report, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That when this Grand Chapter adjourn it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

December 24, 1823.

Companion NATHAN R. POTTS, *First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

The Committee of Conference, to whom were referred the consideration of a Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, made report; which was read; taken up a second time and read by Articles, and adopted.

And, on motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be directed to transmit this Constitution to the Grand Lodge for their concurrence.

February 16, 1824.

Companion HENRY HORN, *First Grand Chief p. t.*, presiding.

A communication was received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge communicating the Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry agreed to by the Committee of Conference, as amended and adopted by the Grand Lodge, with amendments as follows, to wit:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

GRAND QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

January 5, 1824.

A Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, agreed to by the Committee of Conference and adopted by the

Holy Royal Arch Chapter was received and read; and, on motion was amended, and, as amended, adopted in the words following, to wit:

ARTICLE I.

The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall be constituted of all the members of the Grand Lodge for the time being, who are Royal Arch Masons, and have received the honorary degree of Mark Master, and been accepted and received Most Excellent Masters, and who have passed the chair of a Lodge by election, and are contributing members of some subordinate Chapter; of all High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, who are qualified as aforesaid; and of all Past High Priests of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, who are qualified as aforesaid, continuing members of such subordinate Chapters.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand Chapter shall hold semi-annual meetings on the third Monday in May and November, in every year. They shall also meet on their own adjournments, and on the order of the M. E. Grand High Priest. They shall have power to elect their own officers, make their own By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for their government; to regulate, superintend and control the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of subordinate Chapters, Mark Masters' and Most Excellent Masters' Lodges under their jurisdiction; to grant warrants for holding Holy Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Masters' and Most Excellent Masters' Lodges, and the same to suspend, revoke and restore at pleasure, and to exercise jurisdiction over the same. The warrants to be granted to Chapters now in existence shall be without charge for the same, and shall bear the numbers which the said Chapters respectively now bear. The warrants to be granted to Chapters hereafter to be organized shall be numbered in order, commencing from the Chapter which now bears the highest number. *Provided*, That no person shall continue to be a member of any Chapter a longer time than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of a Blue Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

The Grand Chapter shall annually pay over to the Grand Lodge the balance of money in hand after deducting their

expenditures, to be appropriated to the sinking fund, until the debt now due by the Grand Lodge shall be paid; after which the Grand Lodge shall have no claim upon the funds of the Grand Chapter, but the same shall be at their own disposal.

ARTICLE IV.

From and after the adoption of this Constitution, no Chapter under its jurisdiction shall, after notice thereof, exalt any brother to the degree of Holy Royal Arch without his having previously become a Past Master, Mark Master, and Most Excellent Master.

ARTICLE V.

All Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter contrary to the foregoing Constitution shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed and made null and void.

ARTICLE VI.

No alteration or amendment to this Constitution shall be made unless the same be proposed at one stated semi-annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, and adopted at or after a subsequent stated semi-annual meeting of the said Grand Chapter, by at least two-thirds of the members of the Grand Chapter then present.

ARTICLE VII.

This Constitution shall go into operation on and from and after the semi-annual meeting in May next.

Which being read, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the same, as amended, be and the same is hereby adopted.

Companion Dahlgren stated that there were doubts whether he be a member of this Grand Chapter, he being a member of a subordinate Chapter and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and requested that the opinion of the Grand Chapter might be taken upon that point.

Whereupon, on motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, under the existing Constitution of the Grand Chapter, are not members of Grand Chapter by virtue of their offices.

An account from Grand Lodge for rent, lighting, &c., amounting to \$319.50, was received and read.

Whereupon, on motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to collect all the debts due this Grand Chapter, and to settle all claims against the Grand Chapter, and to settle the accounts of the Recorder and Treasurer of this Grand Chapter; and, after paying all claims against this Grand Chapter as far forth as the same shall extend, if any surplus shall remain, to pay the same over to the Grand Lodge. And that the said Committee shall have power to compromise with the debtors as they shall think best.

Whereupon the M. E. High Priest was pleased to appoint Companions Freeman, Nisbet and J. Steele, Jr., that Committee.

May 17, 1824.

Comp. MICHAEL NISBET,	. . . .	1st Grand Chief p. t.
" JOHN STEELE, JR.,	. . . .	2d Grand Chief.
" T. B. FREEMAN, .	. . . .	3d Grand Chief.
" NATHAN R. POTTS,	. . . .	Grand Recorder.
" FREDERICK ERRINGER,	. . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" E. T. WEAVER,	. . . .	3d Grand Master.
" DAVID E. WILSON,	. . . .	2d Grand Master.
" C. STOUT,	. . . .	1st Grand Master.
" JOHN HORTON,	. . . .	H. R. A. Captain.
" IRELAND, JOHN WILSON, W. WRAY, and KITTERA.		

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form. On motion, and seconded, Grand Chapter closed in harmony, *sine die*.

GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

May 17, 1824.

At a meeting of the Companions of the Holy Royal Arch convened at the Masonic Hall, present:

Comp. MICHAEL NISBET,	Comp. CHARLES STOUT,
" T. B. FREEMAN,	" JOHN HORTON,
" NATHAN R. POTTS,	" A. C. IRELAND,
" FREDERICK ERRINGER,	" JOHN WILSON,
" E. T. WEAVER,	" WILLIAM WRAY.
" DAVID E. WILSON,	

On motion, Companion Michael Nisbet was chosen Chairman, and Nathan R. Potts was appointed Recorder.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been convened for the purpose of organizing themselves into a GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, under and by virtue of a Constitution approved of and adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania on the 5th day of January, 1824, for the government of Royal Arch Masonry: which was read, and ordered to be filed.

And, on motion, Companions J. Steele, Jr., E. T. Weaver and T. B. Freeman were appointed to examine and ascertain whether the Companions present were qualified Royal Arch Masons agreeably to the requisitions of the said Constitution; who, after examination, reported favorably, which report was approved.

And, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Companions now present do organize themselves into a GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, under and by virtue of the said Constitution. Whereupon—

Comp. MICHAEL NISBET, the 1st Chief		
of Chapter No. 3, was chosen	1st Grand Chief,	
“ JOHN STEELE, Jr., the 1st Chief		
of Chapter No. 52, was chosen	2d Grand Chief,	
“ T. B. FREEMAN, the 1st Chief		
of Chapter No. 51, was chosen	3d Grand Chief,	
“ CHARLES STOUT,	1st Grand Master,	
“ DAVID E. WILSON,	2d Grand Master,	
“ E. T. WEAVER,	3d Grand Master,	
“ JOHN HORTON,	G. H. R. A. Captain,	
“ NATHAN R. POTTS,	Grand Secretary,	
“ FREDERICK ERRINGER,	Grand Treasurer,	

of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter until an election be held for officers by virtue of the said Constitution.

And, on motion, a GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER was opened in ancient and solemn form at half-past 9 o'clock in the evening.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this Grand Chapter adjourn it be to meet again on Monday, the 24th day of May, inst., at 7 o'clock in the evening, when an election will be held for officers of this Grand Chapter; and that the Recorder issue his notices as heretofore.

May 24, 1824.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *First Grand Chief*, presiding.

The Constitution of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was read; whereupon, on motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to an election for officers to serve until an election shall be held by virtue of the provisions to be made by the By-Laws to be adopted by this Grand Chapter, and the following Companions were duly elected to the offices annexed to their respective names:

Comp. MICHAEL NISBET,	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
" JOHN STEELE, JR.,	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Grand King.</i>
" T. B. FREEMAN,	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
" NATHAN R. POTTS,	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
" FREDERICK ERRINGER,	.	.	.	.	.	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>

On motion, a Committee of five was appointed to draft a Code of By-Laws for the regulation and government of this Grand Chapter.

June 21, 1824.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Two communications from Chapter No. 113, at Pittsburg—one dated February 24, 1824, and one dated May 19, 1824—were received, read, and, on motion, were referred to a Committee to correspond with said Chapter upon the subject contained therein.

July 1, 1824.

The Committee to draft a Code of By-Laws made a report, which was read; and, after discussion, it was, on motion, postponed until 9th instant.

July 9, 1824.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The report of the Committee to report By-Laws was taken up; and, after discussion, it was, on motion, recommitted to the Committee for revision and additions, with instructions to report a form of warrants and certificates for the use of Chapters, Most Excellent Masters' and Mark Masters' Lodges.

July 16, 1824.

Companion JOHN STEELE, *Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

The Committee to whom the report on By-Laws had been re-committed made report; which was, on motion, accepted, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the original report and the additional report were then severally taken up.

They were considered by Articles, amended, and adopted as amended and consolidated, as follows:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PA.

July 16, 1824.

1. The officers of the said Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of a

Grand High Priest.

Grand King.

Grand Scribe.

Grand Captain of the Host.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Three Grand Masters.

Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

Grand Chaplain.

Grand Marshal, and

Two Grand Stewards.

The Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe and Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, respectively, shall be chosen by ballot at the stated meeting in November, in every year. A majority of the votes of the whole number of members present shall be necessary to the election of any officer. The other officers of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest elect, immediately after his election, with the approbation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter; and the officers so elected and appointed shall go into office on St. John the Evangelist's Day in every year. The

Grand High Priest shall also, from time to time, appoint a suitable Royal Arch Mason for presiding over the Grand Chapter.

2. The stated meetings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall be at 6 o'clock from September 25 till March 25, and at 7 o'clock from March 25 till September 25.

3. Any Chapter held at a greater distance than three miles from the city of Philadelphia shall have the right of appointing a proxy to represent them in Grand Chapter; which proxy shall be entitled to three votes, but no member of the Grand Chapter shall be capable of being a proxy for more than one Chapter at the same time.

4. Royal Arch Masons must not at processions, nor in any other place, except in the Royal Arch Chapter, be distinguished by any other garment or badge different from what belongs to them as officers or members of the Grand or their own private Lodge.

5. No warrant for the institution of a new Chapter with a power therein to open and hold a Lodge of Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of at least six regular Royal Arch Masons, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved Royal Arch Masons; nor shall such warrant be granted to any number of Royal Arch Masons in the country, residing within three miles of the place of meeting of an established Chapter, and who are members of the said Chapter, without the consent of such Chapter duly signified. Every warrant shall be accompanied with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws; also, with a list of the Chapters under this jurisdiction, and the times and places of their meetings. Each petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter or Chapters to which the petitioners respectively last belonged, setting forth that they are regular Royal Arch Masons, and have paid up their dues and regularly withdrawn.

6. No warrant for the institution of a new Lodge of Mark Master Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of at least seven regular Mark Master Masons, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved Mark Master Masons, and subject to rules and regulations similar to those required upon the institution of a Chapter.

7. No warrant for the institution of a new Lodge of Most Excellent Masters shall be granted, except upon the petition of at

least seven regular Most Excellent Masters, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved Most Excellent Masters, and subject to rules and regulations similar to those required upon the institution of a Chapter.

8. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodge of Most Excellent Masters and Mark Master Masons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall, on or before the third Monday in May next, transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter a complete list of all their members, with the time of their having been made Royal Arch Masons, Most Excellent or Mark Master Masons, or been admitted members, and a copy of their By-Laws; and on every third Monday in May following, a list of all whom they shall have made Royal Arch Masons, Most Excellent or Mark Master Masons, or admitted members; and of the deaths, resignations and expulsions of members, and rejection of candidates, since their last return, together with a copy of such alterations or additions as shall have been made to their By-Laws since the last copy may have been so transmitted, and also, a return of their election of officers to the stated meeting of the Grand Chapter next following such election.

9. Whenever a warrant is issued for instituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with a power therein to open and hold a Lodge of Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King, and Scribe, for the time being, of such Chapter, shall be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges, according to seniority.

10. Grand Chapter certificates shall be granted by the Grand Secretary to any member of a Chapter or Lodge of Most Excellent or Mark Master Masons, upon his producing to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter a certificate signed by the presiding officers, and attested by the Secretary of such Chapter or Lodge, stating that such member is in good standing upon his paying to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter his fees for the same as hereinafter mentioned.

11. Every Chapter to be instituted within the city of Philadelphia, or three miles thereof, shall pay for a warrant \$27 00

Every Most Excellent Masters' Lodge to be instituted within the city of Philadelphia, or three miles thereof, . . . 7 00

Every Mark Masters' Lodge to be instituted within the city of Philadelphia, or three miles thereof, . . . \$11 00

If at a greater distance from the city than three miles, then for a Chapter 18 00

Most Excellent Masters' Lodge, 5 00

Mark Masters' Lodge, 9 00

12. Each Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter held within the city of Philadelphia, or three miles thereof, shall pay annually into the hands of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter for every member of which it may consist, 25

For each one made a Royal Arch Mason therein, . . . 1 00

Most Excellent Master, 50

Mark Master, 25

If at a greater distance from the city than three miles, one-half the sums above mentioned, respectively.

Each Most Excellent Masters' Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, held within the city of Philadelphia, or three miles thereof, shall pay annually into the hands of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter for every member of which it may consist, 25

For each one made a Most Excellent Master therein, 50

Each Mark Masters' Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, held within the city of Philadelphia, or three miles thereof, shall pay annually into the hands of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter for every member of which it may consist, 25

For each one made a Mark Master therein, 25

If at a greater distance from the city than three miles, for every member of which they may respectively consist, 12½

For each one made a Most Excellent Master, or Mark Master, respectively, 12½

13. Over and above the dues to be paid by the subordinate Chapters, Most Excellent Masters' and Mark Masters' Lodges, the following fees shall be paid by them respectively, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, to wit:

For every warrant issued for instituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with a power therein to open and

hold a Lodge of Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons, \$6 00

Excepting such Chapters as are now in existence, for which the Grand Secretary shall be paid the same sum out of the funds of the Grand Chapter for the warrants to be issued to them respectively: *Provided*, That no charge shall be made for any warrant which shall be granted to Most Excellent and Mark Masters' Lodges now existing, but such Lodges shall pay the Grand Secretary's fees for such warrant.

For a warrant for instituting a Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons, \$4 00

For a warrant for instituting a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, 4 00

For a certificate of a Royal Arch Mason, 2 00

For a certificate of a Most Excellent Master, 1 00

For a certificate of a Mark Master, 1 00

For registering the name of each member of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and of a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters or Mark Masters, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter shall receive from the Grand Chapter for each stated meeting, 6 00

For every adjourned or extra meeting, 3 00

No Chapter held within the city of Philadelphia, or three miles thereof, shall exalt any one to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason for a less sum than 10 00

Or make a Most Excellent Master for a less sum than 2 00

Or Mark Master for a less sum than 2 00

And Chapters and Most Excellent Masters' and Mark Masters' Lodges beyond that distance shall not exalt or make for less than one-half the sums above specified, respectively.

14. There shall be a Committee of Correspondence appointed at the stated meeting in May in every year; also, a Committee to examine By-Laws; and at every meeting in November a Committee shall be appointed to examine and adjust the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's accounts, who shall report to the stated meeting in May following.

15. All appeals from any subordinate Chapter, or Most Excellent Masters' or Mark Masters' Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, and left with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter; and the appellant shall give the other party

notice thereof at least ten days, if in the city or three miles thereof, and twenty if at a greater distance than three miles from the city, before proceedings shall be had thereon.

16. No expulsion shall be valid, or confirmed in Grand Chapter, until it shall appear that the Chapter, Most Excellent or Mark Masters' Lodge, who may have expelled the member, have given him due notice of his expulsion, that he may have an opportunity to make his appeal; the reasons for each expulsion shall be mentioned in the return.

17. No alteration or amendment to these By-Laws shall be made, unless the same be proposed at one stated semi-annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, and adopted at or after a subsequent stated semi-annual meeting of the said Grand Chapter, by a majority of the members present.

A communication from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was received, and ordered to be filed among the archives of the Grand Chapter.

October 8, 1824.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Committee appointed to draft the form of a warrant for constituting a Holy Royal Arch Chapter, also the form of a warrant for constituting a Mark Masters' Lodge, and one for constituting a Most Excellent Masters' Lodge, made report; which was adopted.

They also reported the form of a Royal Arch Chapter certificate; which was adopted.

A petition was received from sundry Companions praying for a warrant of constitution for a Royal Arch Chapter, to be called George Washington Chapter, No. —, to meet at Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pa.

Whereupon, it appearing that the petition and the documents accompanying it are in due and regular form, on motion made, and seconded, the prayer of the petition is granted, and a warrant ordered to be granted and issued; which is accordingly done, and the said Chapter numbered 133, and registered accordingly.

November 15, 1824.

Companion JOHN STEELE, JR., *Grand High Priest p.t.*, presiding.

On motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to an election for officers, and the following Compaions were duly reëlected:

Comp. MICHAEL NISBET,	Grand High Priest.
“ JOHN STEELE, JR.,	Grand King.
“ T. B. FREEMAN,	Grand Scribe.
“ NATHAN R. POTTS,	Grand Secretary.
“ FREDERICK ERRINGER,	Grand Treasurer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of five members be appointed with a view to establish a uniformity of working, and to procure the best information on the subject of Royal Arch Masonry.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Newcomb, John Steele, Jr., T. B. Freeman, Charles Stout and Nathan R. Potts that Committee.

Applications were received from Chapters Nos. 3 and 51, each praying for a warrant to hold a Chapter, with a power therein to open and hold a Lodge of Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons, and in each case resolutions were adopted granting the warrants agreeably to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter.

A communication was received and read from a number of persons calling themselves Royal Arch Masons, stating that they had met in Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pa., under the sanction of warrant of Lodge No. 106, for the purpose of forming a Royal Arch Chapter, had elected their officers, a list of their names being sent, and also a Code of By-Laws; whereupon, on motion, the said communication was ordered to lie on the table.

Two similar communications from certain Companions of Chapter No. 113, at Pittsburg, were read; and, on motion, laid upon the table.

A communication was received relative to the establishment of a Chapter at Braintrim; which was, on motion, referred to the three Grand Chiefs of this Grand Chapter to report, &c.

Annual communications were received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Ohio and New Hampshire; which, with a communication in Spanish, which was received, were laid upon the table.

December 20, 1824.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Grand High Priest proceed forthwith to install himself in the office of Grand High Priest of this M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the ensuing twelve months from St. John's Day next, and that he then install the Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer in their respective offices for the like period; whereupon Companion Michael Nisbet was duly installed M. E. Grand High Priest, and the other officers were duly installed in the several offices to which they had been elected.

Companions Potts, Erringer and Riley were appointed a Committee on By-Laws.

Companions T. B. Freeman, Thomas Kittera, Samuel H. Perkins, E. T. Weaver and Nathan R. Potts were appointed a Committee of Correspondence.

On motion, the communications from the Grand Chapters of Ohio and New Hampshire, and the Spanish communication, were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Committee of Correspondence were instructed to transmit a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of this M. E. Grand Chapter to the several subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and to the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

An extract from the minutes of Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, was received, requesting a warrant to hold a Chapter, &c.; which was, on motion, granted.

December 27, 1824.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companion Charles Schnider, Grand Tyler.

A communication from Chapter No. 133 was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That it is of the first importance that a full and distinct understanding should exist between the R. W. Grand Lodge

of this State and this M. E. Grand Chapter in regard to suspensions and expulsions under their several jurisdictions.

Resolved, That a Committee of three members of this Grand Chapter be appointed to confer with a Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge to adjust and regulate the effect of suspensions and expulsions under each jurisdiction, and to report to the R. W. Grand Lodge and this M. E. Grand Chapter respectively, subject to their final decision.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter furnish the R. W. Grand Lodge with a copy of these resolutions, and that the R. W. Grand Lodge be respectfully requested to appoint a like Committee to confer with the Committee of this Grand Chapter.

Companions Kittera, Steele and Freeman were appointed the Committee on behalf of this Grand Chapter.

March 11, 1825.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received from Columbia Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, returning the following officers, viz.: John Wilson, High Priest; Benjamin T. Neil, King; Samuel H. Perkins, Scribe; Thomas S. Manning, Secretary; with an extract from the minutes of the Chapter, applying to the Grand Chapter for a warrant in the usual form; which was, on motion, granted.

A communication was received from Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, applying for a warrant in the usual form; which was granted; Brother Samuel H. Perkins being the First Master; Brother J. H. Fennimore, Senior Warden; and Brother Wilson Taylor, Junior Warden.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That all the proceedings of Chapter No. 113, held at Pittsburg, to this time, be recognized and confirmed, and that a warrant is granted to said Chapter, &c., &c.

The Committee appointed to confer, &c., made a report, as follows:

The Committee appointed in December last, to confer with a like Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the subject of suspensions and expulsions, have, in pursuance of their appointment, unanimously agreed to recommend to their respective bodies the confirmation and recognition reciprocally

of all suspensions and expulsions except for the non-payment of dues, do offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the principle, as above agreed upon, be and the same is hereby considered one of the regulations of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge. (Signed by the Committee.)

The resolution was amended by striking out the words "except for the non-payment of dues," and was unanimously adopted as amended.

A communication was received from Mark Lodge No. 67, declining to take a warrant, &c.

Companion Stout stated that Lodge No. 67 had called in the warrant authorizing the Mark Lodge to work under the warrant of their Lodge. It was, therefore, on motion, *Resolved*, That the further consideration of the said communication be indefinitely postponed.

May 16, 1825.

Companion JOHN STEELE, JR., *Grand High Priest p.t.*, presiding.

A petition was received and read from a number of Mark Master Masons, late members of Concordia Mark Lodge, No. 67, stating that their Lodge had been dissolved by Lodge No. 67 calling in and revoking their authority, &c., and praying the Grand Chapter to grant them a warrant to hold a Mark Master Masons' Lodge in the city of Philadelphia; which warrant was granted in the usual form.

A similar petition was received from the members of Schuylkill Mark Lodge, praying for a warrant, &c., which was granted, to hold a Mark Masters' Lodge in Orwigsburg, to be called "Schuylkill Mark Lodge, No. 138."

November 21, 1825.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election for officers for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were severally elected, viz.:

Comp. JOHN STEELE, JR.,	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
" T. B. FREEMAN,	<i>Grand King.</i>
" JOSEPH S. RILEY,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
" NATHAN R. POTTS,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
" FREDERICK ERRINGER,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>

November 28, 1825.

Companion JOHN STEELE, JR., *Grand High Priest p.t.*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Comp. E. T. WEAVER,	.	.	<i>Grand Master of the 3d Vail.</i>
" CHARLES STOUT,	.	.	<i>Grand Master of the 2d Vail.</i>
" SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	.	.	<i>Grand Master of the 1st Vail.</i>
" FRANCIS COOPER,	.	.	<i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i>
" HENRY HORN,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
" SAMUEL WONDERLY,	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
" SAMUEL M. STEWART,	.	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" WILLIAM WRAY,	.	.	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
" THOMAS AMIES,	.	.	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
" G. BEDELL,	.	.	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
" CHARLES SCHNIDER,	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" T. B. FREEMAN,	.	.	
" JOSEPH S. RILEY,	.	.	
" SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	.	.	

Committee of Accounts.

An application was received from Holy Royal Arch Chapter No. 106, asking for a warrant to hold a Chapter to be called Lycoming Chapter, No. 106, &c., &c.; and it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the warrant be granted agreeably to the Constitution, &c., &c.

Similar applications were received from and warrants were granted to Freedom Royal Arch Chapter, No. 147, at Bethany, Wayne county; Philanthropic Royal Arch Chapter, No. 104, at New Holland, Lancaster county; and Phœnix Royal Arch Chapter, No. 75, in Charlestown township, Chester county.

A communication was received and read from George Washington Chapter, No. 133, held at Chambersburg, stating the little opportunity they have of receiving Masonic information, and the uncertainty under which they labor whether the course they are pursuing would be approved of by the Grand Chapter, although conscious that their inclinations prompt them to conformity, and requesting the Grand Chapter to send them a Lecturer qualified to instruct the Companions, &c., &c.

Whereupon, on motion, the communication was laid upon the table.

The annual communication from the Grand Chapter of Ohio was received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication from the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, containing an impression of the seal of said Chapter and the proper signatures of the Grand Council, and also a communication from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, were received, and referred to the same Committee.

The Grand Chapter closed for a short space of time, and afterwards was opened again in ancient and solemn form.

The By-Laws of Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 67, were presented, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

December 12, 1825.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Companion John Steele, Jr., was duly installed in the office of M. E. Grand High Priest for the ensuing twelve months from St. John's Day next; Companion T. B. Freeman, as Grand King; and Companion Nathan R. Potts, as Grand Secretary.

The M. E. Past Grand High Priest Newcomb was pleased to confer the degree of High Priest upon the following-named Companions who are Past High Priests, viz.:

Comp. JOHN STEELE, JR.,	Comp. WILLIAM WRAY,
“ MICHAEL NISBET,	“ JOHN WILSON,
“ T. B. FREEMAN,	“ NATHAN R. POTTS.

February 20, 1826.

Companion JOHN STEELE, JR., *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Election returns were received from Chapter No. 51, at Philadelphia, as follows: Companion John M. Read, High Priest; John K. Kane, King; Samuel M. Stewart, Scribe; Samuel H. Thomas, Secretary; Hancock J. Gregg, Treasurer; which were ordered to be filed.

Returns of members, &c., from May 13, 1824, to December 27, 1825, were received from Schuylkill Mark Lodge, No. 138.

An application was received from Chapter No. 43 at Lancaster, praying for a warrant, &c.; which was, on motion, granted.

On motion, the Committee appointed on the 24th of November, 1824, to establish a uniformity of working and to procure the

best information on the subject of Royal Arch Masonry, were discharged.

And, on motion, the M. E. Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priest Michael Nisbet, and Companions Nathan R. Potts, T. B. Freeman, John M. Read, Joseph S. Riley, Thomas Kittera, John Wilson and Samuel H. Perkins were appointed a Committee for the purpose aforesaid, in the room of the Committee discharged.

March 27, 1826.

Companion J. STEELE, JR., *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Committee on By-Laws were discharged from the further consideration of the By-Laws of Concordia Mark Lodge, No. 67; and, on motion, the said By-Laws were taken up and considered by the Grand Chapter, amended, and adopted as amended.

May 15, 1826.

Companion JOHN STEELE, JR., *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:
Committee on By-Laws—Companions Potts, Erringer and Riley.

Committee of Correspondence—Companions T. B. Freeman, Thomas Kittera, Samuel H. Perkins, John M. Read, and Nathan R. Potts.

A communication from the Secretary of Lycoming Chapter desiring the Grand Chapter to appoint a Lecturer; one from a Companion at Williamsport, requesting information relative to certain members of the Lodge who had received a recommendation from an individual member, and went to Newtown, in the State of New York, and were made Royal Arch Masons without application to the Lodge for a recommendation, &c.; and one requesting a return of a certain letter; which were, on motion, referred to Companions Michael Nisbet, Thomas Kittera and John M. Read, to consider and report thereon.

The following resolution was offered, and laid on the table, viz.:

Resolved, That the fees for marking, registering, and annual dues exacted by the Grand Chapter from the Mark Lodges, be reduced one-half.

June 20, 1826.

Companion JOHN STEELE, JR., *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A petition was received and read from seven Mark Master Masons, praying for a warrant to open and hold a Mark Lodge at Gettysburg, Adams county, Pa., to be called Good Samaritan Mark Lodge; and, on motion, a warrant was granted to Good Samaritan Mark Lodge, No. 139.

A communication was received from the R. W. Grand Lodge enclosing a report of the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to inquire whether any violations had taken place between the Grand and subordinate Lodges in regard to the dues and contributions assessed upon the latter, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brothers Josiah Randall, George M. Dallas and Samuel H. Thomas be appointed a Committee to confer with a similar Committee which may be appointed by the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

Whereupon, on motion, *Resolved*, That Companions T. B. Freeman, Joseph S. Riley and John M. Read be a Committee on the part of this Grand Chapter to confer, &c.

July 25, 1826.

A sufficient number of Companions not being present in time to open the Grand Chapter, no Chapter was opened.

November 20, 1826.

Companion JOHN STEELE, JR., *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received and read from Franklin Lodge, No. 134, Philadelphia, in form of a circular to the subordinate Lodges, on the subject of a proposed confirmation of a part of the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, submitted by the Grand Lodge to the consideration of the subordinate Lodges, on which a vote of rejection or adoption will be taken on the first Monday of December next.

Whereupon, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to the officers of Lodge No. 134 for the handsome and judicious reply they have made to the circulars of Lodges Nos. 21 and 138.

On motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Comp. T. B. FREEMAN, *Grand High Priest.*
 " JOSEPH S. RILEY, *Grand King.*
 " JOHN M. READ, *Grand Scribe.*
 " SAMUEL H. THOMAS, *Grand H. R. A. Secretary.*
 " FREDERICK ERRINGER, *Grand H. R. A. Treasurer.*

On motion, Companions Nisbet, Freeman, Riley, Read and Amies were appointed a Committee to test the validity of Companion Samuel H. Thomas' election to the office of Grand Holy Royal Arch Secretary.

December 12, 1826.

Companion JOHN STEELE, Jr., *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Comp. E. T. WEAVER, *1st Grand Master of the 3d Vail.*
 " CHARLES STOUT, *2d Grand Master of the 2d Vail.*
 " SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *3d Grand Master of the 1st Vail.*
 " FRANCIS COOPER, *Grand H. R. A. Captain.*
 " HENRY HORN, *Grand Captain of the Host.*
 " SAMUEL WONDERLY, *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
 " THOMAS M. PETTIT, *Grand Marshal.*
 " WILLIAM WRAY, *Grand Steward.*
 " THOMAS AMIES, *Grand Steward.*
 " G. BEDELL, *Grand Chaplain.*
 " CHARLES SCHNIDER, *Grand Tyler.*
 " JOHN K. KANE,
 " JOSEPH S. RILEY,
 " SAMUEL H. PERKINS, } *Committee of Accounts.*

The following resolution was offered by Companion Weaver:

Resolved, That Chapter No. 21, at Harrisburg, be notified that unless they make return of their officers and members and account of dues, and apply for a warrant to this Grand Chapter, on or before the second Tuesday of January next, that this Grand Chapter will proceed on the evening of that day in the suspension of all its powers.

Which was, on motion, postponed for the purpose of introducing the following as a substitute by Companion Pettit, viz.:

It being stated by Companion Nisbet that he had seen on the minutes of Lodge No. 21, at Harrisburg, a resolution authorizing certain persons to congregate as a Chapter at Harrisburg under the warrant of said Lodge; and it being the desire of this Grand Chapter to produce a good understanding with said Chapter: Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Chapter at Harrisburg be requested to furnish a copy of the authority under which they at present claim to congregate as a Chapter, and to furnish their returns to this Grand Chapter; and that on such request being complied with on or before the day of next, this Grand Chapter will grant a new warrant without charge.

And, on motion, the original and substitute were postponed until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the validity of the election of Grand Holy Royal Arch Secretary made report as follows:

The undersigned, your Committee to whom was referred the late election of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, respectfully represent that—

Whereas, The usage of the R. W. Grand Lodge of this State authorizes the election of a Grand Secretary from others than its members, who becomes a member thereof by virtue of his office; and as this is a prerogative possessed by the Masonic family in general, your Committee cannot conceive any just objections to its adoption in this Grand Chapter.

They therefore respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the general settled usage of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is the established usage of this M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

Resolved, That the election of Companion S. H. Thomas Grand Holy Royal Arch Secretary be and is hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That nothing in the foregoing shall be so construed as to authorize the election or appointment of any other officer of this Grand Chapter from other than its own members.

(Signed)

MICHAEL NISBET,
T. B. FREEMAN,
JOHN M. READ.

Philadelphia, December 12, 1826.

Whereupon, on motion, the report and resolutions were adopted.

Communications were received from the Grand Chapters of Ohio and Maryland, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

December 27, 1826.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *M. E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

Companion T. B. Freeman was duly installed M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion John M. Read Grand Scribe, and Companion Samuel H. Thomas Grand Secretary, for the ensuing Masonic year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Chapters Nos. 52 and 91, respectively, have leave to install their High Priest, King and Scribe at their next stated meeting.

January 10, 1827.

Companion T. B. FREEMAN, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the eleventh regulation of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter be and the same is hereby suspended until St. John's Day in December next.

2. *Resolved*, That every subordinate Chapter, Most Excellent Masters' Lodge and Mark Masters' Lodge which has paid this Grand Chapter any sum for or on account of a warrant, shall have credit for such sum as a payment on account of dues.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate the foregoing resolutions to every legal Masonic body in this State.

4. *Resolved*, That the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter be referred to a Committee for the purpose of preparing such alterations and additions as may be deemed expedient, to be reported at the semi-annual meeting in May next.

Companions Nisbet, Read and Thomas were appointed a Committee under the fourth resolution.

A letter was received and read from Companion Joseph Kingsbery, dated Sheshequin, Bradford county, 29th December, 1826,

recommending that a competent Royal Arch Mason be appointed to examine the mode of work in the adjoining States, with a view to the establishment of a uniform standard of labor in this State.

A letter was also received and read from Companion T. H. Crawford, dated Chambersburg, December, 1826, recommending that no more than one Chapter be allowed for each Masonic district as now laid off by the R. W. Grand Lodge, the appointment of a Lecture Master and of District Deputy Grand High Priests, and the formation of a more perfect Code of Rules and Regulations.

A petition was received from a number of Most Excellent Master Masons, praying for a warrant to open and hold a Most Excellent Masters' Lodge in the city of Philadelphia, &c.

The said petition being read, on motion, *Resolved*, That a warrant be granted as prayed for, so soon as the M. E. Grand High Priest is satisfied that all the regulations of the Grand Chapter have been complied with.

The M. E. Grand High Priest favored the Grand Chapter with an address on the present state and prospects of Royal Arch Masonry in this Commonwealth.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to Companion T. B. Freeman, M. E. Grand High Priest, for the able and impressive views he has taken of the state of Royal Arch Masonry and of the prospects of the Grand Chapter in the State of Pennsylvania.

February 12, 1827.

Companion T. B. FREEMAN, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A petition was received from a number of Mark Master Masons residing in Philadelphia, praying for a warrant to hold a Mark Lodge in that place, to be styled The Standard, No. 51, and nominating for the first officers thereof James B. Gowen as Worshipful Master, John M. Read as Senior Warden, and Edward Ewing, Junior Warden.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a warrant be granted as prayed for.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 21, held at Harrisburg, Dauphin county, Pa., requesting a warrant, &c.

And it appearing to the Grand Chapter that the said Chapter

had been regularly organized under the warrant of Lodge No. 21, *Resolved*, That a warrant be granted as prayed for, numbered 21, and that the said Chapter be required to pay the fees and dues which would have accrued since May, 1824, had the Chapter then applied for a warrant.

A letter was received and read from Jeremy L. Cross, dated New Haven, January 15, 1827, requesting an historical account of the origin and progress of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for the purpose of being published in a book which he is compiling.

On motion, the said letter was laid on the table.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 113, dated Pittsburg, 5th February, 1827, requesting the account of the Grand Chapter and blank returns; and stating that, as the Chapter was originally organized under the warrant of Lodge No. 45, it desired the Grand Chapter to authorize the Chapter to resume its original number.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to correspond with Chapter No. 113 on the subjects mentioned in the communication.

The consideration of the resolutions and substitute offered 12th December, 1826, in relation to Chapter No. 21, was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

May 21, 1827.

Companion T. B. FREEMAN, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 70, dated Sheshequin, January 12, 1827, praying for a warrant for the Chapter formerly held under warrant of Lodge No. 70 at Athens, Bradford county, &c.; and, on motion, the warrant was granted.

A petition was received from a number of Mark Master Masons, praying for a warrant to open a Mark Master Masons' Lodge at Germantown, &c.; and, on motion, the warrant was granted.

A petition was received from a number of Companions in Susquehanna county, praying for a warrant to hold a Chapter in Montrose, to be called Montrose Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a warrant be granted as prayed for, numbered 148, &c.

A petition was received from a number of Companions at Huntingdon, praying for a warrant to hold a Chapter in that place to be called Mount Moriah.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the warrant be granted as prayed for, numbered 149, &c.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the Grand and subordinate Officers of the Grand Chapter to attend a visitation contemplated to be made by the M. E. Grand High Priest to the subordinate Chapters and Mark Masters' Lodges in Philadelphia, at such time as may be appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Officers be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take into consideration the propriety of procuring dresses and decorations proper for their station.

June 19, 1827.

Companion T. B. FREEMAN, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 21, at Harrisburg, accepting the terms conditioned by this Grand Chapter in the grant of a warrant; and the same was ordered to be filed.

A communication was received from J. Brewster, dated Montrose, June 5, setting forth the difficulties which existed in procuring certificates for all the petitioners for a warrant to hold a Chapter at that place.

Whereupon, *Resolved*, That a warrant be issued to the petitioners for a Chapter at Montrose so soon as they shall have satisfied the M. E. Grand High Priest that they are Royal Arch Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons in good standing, and not members of any Chapter.

A petition was received from a number of Mark Master Masons residing at Lebanon, praying for a warrant to hold a Mark Lodge in that place, &c.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted, &c.

A petition was received from a number of Royal Arch Masons at Washington, Pa., setting forth that before the adoption of the present Holy Royal Arch Constitution they had adopted measures for the establishment of a Holy Royal Arch Chapter under the warrant of Lodge No. 164, and had met for the purpose of organ-

ization when the Most Excellent Master's degree was conferred upon several Past Masters, but that seven Royal Arch Masons then present being, in the opinion of some, an insufficient number to constitute a Royal Arch Chapter, further proceedings were suspended; they therefore pray that a warrant be issued to them for a Royal Arch Chapter on the same terms as to Chapters in existence before the adoption of the present Royal Arch Constitution.

On motion, a warrant was granted, numbered 150.

October 19, 1827.

Companion T. B. FREEMAN, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was made by the M. E. Grand High Priest on the subject of difficulties which appear to subsist in some of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York concerning applicants for admission from Chapters under this jurisdiction.

On motion, the said communication was laid on the table until such exact information would be obtained as would enable this Grand Chapter to act thereon.

A petition was received for a warrant to hold a Chapter at London Grove, Chester county, to be called "Fidelity;" which was, on motion, directed to be issued and numbered 151.

Petition for warrants to hold Mark Masters' Lodges at Norristown and Mooretown, Montgomery county, was received; and, on motion, the prayer in each case was granted.

Sundry communications from foreign Grand Chapters were received, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

November 19, 1827.

Companion T. B. FREEMAN, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Petitions in the usual form were received for warrants to hold Chapters at Reading, Berks county; Somerset, Somerset county, and Lewistown; and in each case the prayers were granted, the Chapters being numbered 152, 153 and 154 respectively.

Grand Chapter then proceeded to an election for Grand Officers

for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were duly elected, *viz.*:

Comp. JOSEPH S. RILEY,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ JOHN M. READ,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ FREDERICK ERRINGER,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ SAMUEL H. THOMAS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The Most Excellent Companion T. B. Freeman, who had declined a reëlection, delivered an address upon the occasion, congratulating the Companions upon the prosperous condition of the Grand Chapter, and encouraging them to persevere in their endeavors to improve the institution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to Companion Freeman, M. E. Grand High Priest, for his faithful and zealous discharge of the duties of the various stations he has occupied, and that this Grand Chapter regrets to learn that the private occupations of life compel him to retire from office.

December 27, 1827.

Companion JOSEPH S. RILEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Companion Joseph S. Riley was duly installed M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion John M. Read as M. E. Grand King, and Companion Samuel H. Thomas as M. E. Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Comp. J. K. KANE,	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ SAMUEL WONDERLY,	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ FRANCIS COOPER,	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ EMMOR T. WEAVER,	<i>1st Grand Master 3d Vail.</i>
“ CHARLES STOUT,	<i>2d Grand Master 2d Vail.</i>
“ B. T. NEAL,	<i>3d Grand Master 1st Vail.</i>
“ G. T. BEDELL,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ THOMAS M. PETTIT,	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ THOMAS AMIES,	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“ WILLIAM WRAY,	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“ CHARLES SCHNIDER,	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

April 7, 1828.

Companion J. S. RILEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Petitions were presented for warrants to hold Chapters at Bellefonte, Carlisle, Easton and Spring Grove; and, on motion, the prayers in each petition were severally granted; the new Chapters being warranted as Central Chapter, No. 155; Cumberland Star Chapter, No. 156; Easton Chapter, No. 157; and Washington Chapter, No. 158.

A petition was received for a warrant to hold a Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodge at Landisburg, to be called "Golden Rule," and sundry petitions for Mark Master Masons' Lodges, as follows: one to be called Downingtown Lodge, at Downingtown; one to be called Golden Rule Lodge, at Landisburg; one to be called Kensington Lodge, at Kensington; one to be called Roxborough Lodge, at Manayunk; and, on motion, warrants were granted to each of the Lodges applied for.

It being reported that the warrant of Chapter No. 75 could not be found since the death of the High Priest, on motion, an exemplification thereof was duly issued.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 154, at Lewistown, appointing Companion John M. Read as proxy of said Chapter; and, on motion, he was recognized as such.

Communications were received from the Grand Chapters of South Carolina, Maryland and Kentucky, and referred to a Committee consisting of Companions Steele, Perkins and Read.

Reports on the minutes of Chapters Nos. 3, 52, 91 and 51 at the last visitation were received and filed.

May 19, 1828.

Companion JOSEPH S. RILEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations reported a digested Code; and the same being read, it was referred for consideration to a meeting to be held on the 27th inst.

A return was received to a dispensation to constitute Kensington Mark Lodge, showing that the same had been constituted on the 2d day of May.

May 27, 1828.

Companion JOSEPH S. RILEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to consider the Rules and Regulations reported by the Committee appointed for the purpose; when, on motion, and seconded, the same were recommitted for further additions, and with directions that when completed the same be printed and distributed to the several Chapters for their suggestions and revision.

November 17, 1828.

Companion JOSEPH S. RILEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election for officers to serve for the ensuing year; and Companion Joseph S. Riley having declined a reëlection as Grand High Priest, and Companion Frederick Erringer having declined a reëlection as Grand Treasurer, the following Companions were duly elected, viz.:

Comp. JOHN M. READ,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ THOMAS KITTERA,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ SAMUEL H. THOMAS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

Communications from Grand Chapters of Maine and Connecticut were received, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Returns were received from the several dispensations issued to constitute the following Mark Master Masons' Lodges, showing that they were severally constituted on the dates hereafter mentioned, viz.:—Mark Master Masons' Lodge at Downingtown constituted 24th May, 1828; Mark Master Masons' Lodge at Lebanon constituted 3d November, 1827; Mark Master Masons' Lodge at Abingdon constituted 31st May, 1828; Mark Master Masons' Lodge at Roxborough constituted 26th May, 1828.

The Rules and Regulations were again considered; and, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That a sufficient number of copies be printed for distribution among the members of the Grand Chap-

ter, and that the fourth Tuesday of December next be appropriated for the consideration thereof.

December 23, 1828.

Companion JOSEPH S. RILEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter as reported at the last meeting were considered; and as amended they were adopted as follows:

RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PA.
OFFICERS.

The officers shall be such as are elective and such as are appointed by the Grand High Priest.

The elective officers shall consist of the

*Grand High Priest,
Grand King,
Grand Scribe,
Grand Treasurer, and
Grand Secretary,*

Who shall be chosen by ballot at the stated meeting next preceding the feast of St. John the Evangelist, in each and every year, and continue in office until their successors respectively be duly elected and installed.

A majority of the whole number of votes received shall be necessary to an election of an officer. But if on the first ballot no election be made, a second ballot shall be had, confined to the two highest, or when such instances occur, to the one who has a plurality and the two or more the next highest on the return who have each an equal number of votes. If on the second ballot no choice be made, the balloting on these principles shall be continued until one of the candidates shall receive a majority of all the votes given, or until they shall be equally divided between two candidates, in which event the contest shall be determined between these by lot.

The officers so elected shall, if practicable, be installed in their

respective stations on or before St. John's Day next succeeding their election.

The officers by appointment of the Grand High Priest shall be
District Deputy Grand High Priests,
A Grand Captain of the Host,
A Grand Principal Sojourner,
A Grand Royal Arch Captain,
Three Grand Masters of the Vails,
Grand Chaplains,
A Grand Marshal,
Three Grand Stewards, and
A Grand Tyler.

The District Deputy Grand High Priests and Grand Chaplains shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest at his discretion in point of time and number; the other officers shall be nominated and appointed by him on the commencement of his term of office.

The officers of the Grand Chapter, except the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, shall take precedence in the order above stated.

No Royal Arch Mason shall hold more than one office in the Grand Chapter at one and the same time.

A Royal Arch Mason shall not be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, who has not served a regular term of office as High Priest of some subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest shall be installed by the next preceding Grand High Priest who may be present, assisted by a sufficient number of qualified Royal Arch Masons.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The *Grand High Priest* shall have power to appoint District Deputy Grand High Priests and Grand Chaplains at his discretion, all officers of the Grand Chapter not elective, and all Committees whose appointment is not otherwise provided for;

To supply all vacancies which may be occasioned among the elective or other officers;

To appoint by warrant any Royal Arch Mason to represent him in a sister Grand Chapter;

To preside in the Grand Chapter and superintend its government and proceedings;

To summon any Chapter or its officers to attend him and produce their warrant, books, documents and accounts;

To command at any time the presence of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, or of any officer or Committee of the Grand Chapter, with their books, papers and accounts;

To summon any special or extra meeting of the Grand Chapter as often as he may deem proper or necessary;

To issue such dispensations under his own seal and signature, attested by the Grand Secretary, as are permitted by these regulations;

To sequestrate the warrant and suspend the labors of any Chapter when such measures shall be deemed by him to be expedient, subject to the decision of the Grand Chapter at its next subsequent stated meeting, to which he shall communicate the act, with a detailed statement of his reasons therefor;

To give a casting vote when the votes of the members are equally divided, in addition to such votes as he may be entitled to in his own right and as special representative of a subordinate Chapter, except in the instance of an election for officers.

The Grand High Priest is *ex officio* a member of every Committee of the Grand Chapter, and the High Priest of every Chapter whose meeting he may attend, and shall exercise a general supervision over the Craft within this Commonwealth.

In the event of the death, resignation or absence of the Grand High Priest, the Grand King is his plenary representative, and in the event of the death, resignation or absence of the Grand High Priest and King, the Grand Scribe.

The *Grand King* and *Grand Scribe* shall assist the Grand High Priest in the performance of his duties.

The *Grand High Priest, King* and *Scribe* shall be authorized to visit every Chapter throughout this jurisdiction, and give such advice and instruction as its good may appear to require, always adhering to the ancient and acknowledged landmarks of the Order.

In the event of the death, resignation or absence of the Grand King, the Grand Scribe shall succeed to all his powers and duties.

The *District Deputy Grand High Priests* shall severally have power within their respective districts to congregate the officers and members of any Chapter therein, at its accustomed place of meeting, at such times as they shall think proper; to inspect its

labors, inquire into its condition and proceedings, give it Masonic advice and instruction, and report to the Grand Chapter from time to time and at least once during his term of office, the state and prospects of Royal Arch Masonry, and of every Chapter within his jurisdiction.

To the *Grand Treasurer* shall be committed the receipt and payment of all moneys collected for the use of the Grand Chapter, of which he shall keep a fair and regular account, to be submitted to the inspection of the members of the Grand Chapter at every meeting thereof.

He shall not disburse any money but on a copy of a resolution of the Grand Chapter, signed by the High Priest and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and shall submit to the Grand Chapter at the close of his term of office a detailed account of his receipts and payments, supported by proper vouchers for examination and sanction.

He shall give bond and security in such sum as the Grand High Priest for the time being may direct, for the faithful performance of his duty.

To the custody of the *Grand Secretary* shall be committed the books, papers and archives of the Grand Chapter, which he shall carefully file and preserve.

He shall issue notices, printed or written, for every meeting of the Grand Chapter, to every member residing within three miles of the place of meeting, and cause the same to be delivered to him at least twenty-four hours before the time of meeting.

He shall record all the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, conduct the domestic correspondence thereof under the supervision of the Grand High Priest; register the returns of every Chapter, when received and sanctioned by the Grand Chapter; assist the Grand Treasurer in the collection of outstanding debts, and keep fair and regular accounts of the sums due to and by the Grand Chapter, submitting the same to the inspection of the Grand Chapter, the Committee of Accounts, or the High Priest, as often as they may require; and generally shall perform the accustomed duties of the station.

The *Grand Chaplains* and *Grand Tyler* are not necessarily members of the Grand Chapter.

The *Grand Tyler* shall attend every meeting of the Grand Chapter; assist in the arrangements thereof; keep the parapher-

nalia and furniture thereof in good condition; deliver the notices for all meetings of the Grand Chapter, its officers and Committees, and generally do all such other services as may be required of him by the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest.

MEETINGS.

The meetings of the Grand Chapter shall be held at 6 o'clock in the evening from the 25th September to the 25th March, and at 7 o'clock from the 25th March to the 25th September, of every year, and on special occasions at such times as the Grand High Priest may direct.

The Grand Chapter shall not be opened unless three subordinate Chapters be present by members of the Grand Chapter severally belonging to such subordinate Chapters.

When the Grand High Priest shall be absent from any meeting, the Grand King or Scribe, according to rank, and in their absence the High Priest of the senior Chapter present, shall preside.

The Grand Chapter being opened, the order of business at *stated* meetings shall be as follows:

1. The minutes of the preceding stated and all intervening meetings read.
2. Petitions and appeals read and referred.
3. Reports of Committees read.
4. Returns of Chapters read.
5. New business.

But the presiding officer of the Grand Chapter may at any time dispense with this order of business.

No business shall be entered upon at an extra meeting other than that for which the Grand Chapter shall have been specially summoned to consider, and the reading and reference of documents submitted.

Every memorial, petition, appeal or other document intended to be laid before the Grand Chapter, shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary at least twenty-four hours previous to the meeting at which it may be presented.

No vote shall be taken at any but a stated meeting of the Grand Chapter touching a charge by or against any Chapter or member, nor unless previous reasonable notice shall have been

given to such Chapter or its proxy, or members interested, of the intended proceedings.

Every question is to be decided *viva voce* by a majority of votes present. But the representatives of three Chapters requesting a ballot it shall be allowed.

Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the presiding officer, nor shall he be interrupted unless he shall be wandering from the point, or the presiding officer shall call him to order. When called to order he must sit down, but being corrected may again proceed.

When any member shall have been twice called to order at the same meeting, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence, the presiding officer may peremptorily command him to quit the Grand Chapter for that meeting.

No member shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or if he be the mover of a resolution, in reply to previous observations, without special permission from the Grand Chapter.

No motion on a new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after ten o'clock in the evening of any day of meeting.

COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall be as follow: their members to be annually appointed, viz. :—*The Committee of Correspondence, The Committee of By-Laws, The Committee of Accounts*, and such other Standing Committees, consisting of as many members as the Grand Chapter may hereafter direct to be appointed.

The Standing and Special Committees whose number is not specially provided for, shall consist of three members each.

The members of all Standing and Special Committees shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest, (unless at the instance of the representative of three Chapters a ballot be requested.)

To the *Committee of Correspondence* shall be referred all communications addressed to this Grand Chapter from other Grand Chapters and Masonic bodies, for examination and report thereon at the meeting next following their reception. The reference to be made as the communications are received, by the Grand High Priest, or other officer of the Grand Chapter to which they may be addressed.

To the *Committee of By-Laws* shall be referred as received, all by-laws, rules, regulations and standing resolutions of the subordinate Chapters submitted for the approbation of the Grand Chapter.

It shall be the duty of this Committee carefully to examine and revise such by-laws, expunging from them all provisions contravening the established usages and customs of the Order, and the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, supply such deficiencies as may appear requisite, and report their proceedings to the Grand Chapter for confirmation.

To the *Committee of Accounts* shall be referred the annual accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and such other accounts involving pecuniary demands as from time to time the Grand Chapter or High Priest may specially direct.

It shall be their duty to compare the charges made in the accounts referred to them with the vouchers in support thereof, and generally to examine into the correctness of such accounts and report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

No Committee of the Grand Chapter shall be discharged from its appointment until all debts contracted by it shall have been paid and its accounts have received the sanction of the Grand Chapter.

DISPENSATIONS.

The Grand High Priest, or in his absence the Grand King or Grand Scribe according to rank, may issue his dispensation, signed by himself and attested by the Grand Secretary, directed to the presiding officer of any Chapter, authorizing it to hold an election to fill any vacancy which may occur among its officers by death, resignation or otherwise.

Dispensations may in like manner be directed to competent Companions authorizing the installation of the officers of a new Chapter, when the Grand High Priest is unable to attend such installation in person.

In the absence of all the presiding officers of the Grand Chapter, such dispensations may be issued under the seal of the Grand Chapter, attested by the Grand Secretary.

No dispensation shall be issued to open and hold a Royal Arch Chapter without the previous sanction of the Grand Chapter.

PROCESSIONS.

No procession or other public display of a Royal Arch Chapter, as such, shall be allowed.

A Royal Arch Mason shall not in any procession, nor in any other place than in a Royal Arch Chapter, be distinguished by any dress or badge different from that which belongs to him as an officer or member of his own Lodge or of the Grand Lodge.

VISITORS.

A Royal Arch Mason shall not be permitted to visit the Grand or a subordinate Chapter until he shall have received the degrees of a Mark Master and Most Excellent Master respectively.

Visitors unknown to the Grand High Priest may be admitted into the Grand Chapter within one hour after the opening thereof, upon motion to that effect duly made, seconded and carried, founded upon the voucher of some member present, or after examination.

CERTIFICATES.

Certificates in the name of the Grand Chapter may be issued by the Grand Secretary on the deposit of a Chapter certificate or on the recommendation of a subordinate Chapter or its presiding officers.

Every certificate or recommendation from a Chapter shall state whether the Companion recommended is or is not a member in communion therewith, and when and how he became a member.

A member of an extinct Chapter may receive from the Grand Chapter a certificate on the recommendation of the Chapter nearest his place of residence.

All certificates in the name of the Grand Chapter shall be signed by the elective officers thereof, and sealed with the Grand Chapter seal.

GRANT OF WARRANTS.

No warrant for the institution of a Royal Arch Chapter shall be granted except upon the petition of at least six Royal Arch Masons who have received the Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons' degree respectively, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved Royal Arch Masons. Nor shall a warrant be granted to Royal Arch Masons to institute a Royal

Arch Chapter beyond the county of Philadelphia, within nine miles of the place of meeting of a Chapter already established, without the consent of such Chapter duly signified.

Every petitioner for a warrant shall produce a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged, or where that is impracticable, other satisfactory testimony that he is not already a member of some Chapter, and is in good standing with the Craft.

Every warrant issued shall be accompanied by a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, and a list of the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

No warrant for the institution of a new Lodge of Mark Master Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of at least seven regular Mark Master Masons, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved Mark Master Masons, and subject to rules and regulations similar to those required upon the institution of a Chapter.

No warrant for the institution of a new Lodge of Most Excellent Masters shall be granted, except upon the petition of at least seven regular Most Excellent Masters, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved Most Excellent Masters, and subject to rules and regulations similar to those required upon the institution of a Chapter.

The warrant of a Chapter may be resumed by the Grand Chapter—

By its refusal or neglect to make returns as required.

By its refusal or neglect to pay the necessary fees and dues.

By the death, demission or removal of the members.

By not assembling during twelve months.

By unmasonic conduct.

But the warrant of a Chapter having a sufficient number of members shall in no case be resumed until such Chapter shall have been duly warned of its offence and notified to appear and answer the same.

Every warrant for instituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall contain a power therein to open and hold a Lodge of Most Excellent and Mark Masons; the High Priest, King and Scribe for the time being of such Chapter shall be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges, according to seniority.

FEES AND DUES.

The fees for warrants to institute Royal Arch Chapters, Most Excellent Master and Mark Master Masons' Lodges in this Commonwealth, beyond three miles from the place of meeting of the Grand Chapter, shall be as follows, all charges being therein included:

For a warrant to institute a Royal Arch Chapter, . . . \$24 00
 For a warrant to institute a Most Excellent Master Lodge, 12 00

For a warrant to institute a Mark Master Lodge, . . . 12 00
 The fees for warrants to institute Royal Arch Chapters, Most Excellent Master and Mark Master Masons' Lodges within three miles from the place of meeting of the Grand Chapter shall be fifty per centum in addition to the above rates.

The dues to be annually paid on St. John the Evangelist's Day of every year by every Royal Arch Chapter, Most Excellent Master and Mark Master Masons' Lodge in this Commonwealth, beyond the county of Philadelphia, shall be as follows, viz.:

Every Royal Arch Chapter shall pay—

For each one made a Royal Arch Mason therein,	\$	$\frac{2}{3}$
For each one made a Most Excellent Master,		$\frac{1}{5}$
For each one made a Mark Master,		$\frac{1}{5}$
For each member of which it may consist,		$\frac{1}{6}$

Every Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodge shall pay—

For each one made a Most Excellent Master Mason therein,		$\frac{1}{5}$
For each member of which it may consist,		$\frac{1}{8}$

Every Mark Master Masons' Lodge shall pay—

For each one made a Mark Master Mason therein,		$\frac{1}{5}$
For each member of which it may consist,		$\frac{1}{8}$

Every Chapter, Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons' Lodge respectively, within the county of Philadelphia, shall pay fifty per centum in addition to the above established rates.

The fees to be paid to the Grand Secretary by the Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

For a Royal Arch Chapter warrant, \$6 00

For a Most Excellent Master and Mark Master Masons' warrant, each respectively, \$4 00

For registering the name of each person receiving a degree or becoming a member of a Royal Arch Chapter, Most Excellent or Mark Master Masons' Lodge, 10

But no charge shall be made for registering degrees conferred under the warrant of a Royal Arch Chapter except the Royal Arch degree, unless on sojourners, who may receive the Mark or Most Excellent Masters' degrees respectively only.

The fees for certificates shall be as follows, to be paid to the Grand Secretary, viz.:

For a Royal Arch Mason's certificate, \$2 00

For a Most Excellent Master Mason's certificate, 1 00

For a Mark Master Mason's certificate, 1 00

No proposition to increase the fees and dues above established shall be received at any but a stated meeting, when it shall be forthwith communicated to every Chapter under this jurisdiction, and decided at the next stated meeting.

REPRESENTATION.

Every subordinate Chapter held at a greater distance than three miles from the place of meeting of the Grand Chapter, may be represented in the Grand Chapter by any member of said Chapter appointed by a resolution duly certified by the High Priest and Secretary thereof.

A member of the Grand Chapter shall not represent more than one subordinate Chapter at one and the same time.

Each representative of a subordinate Chapter shall be entitled as such to three votes in addition to his own, and no more.

No Chapter can be represented in the Grand Chapter until it shall have been duly instituted, nor while its warrant is in sequestration.

The instructions of a subordinate Chapter transmitted in writing to the Grand Chapter shall be binding on its representative.

A Most Excellent or Mark Master Masons' Lodge may be represented in the Grand Chapter by any member of that body, but such representative shall not be entitled to any vote by virtue thereof in addition to that to which he may be entitled as a mem-

ber of the Grand Chapter or those to which he may be entitled as a representative of some subordinate Chapter.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Royal Arch Chapters, and every legitimate Chapter within this State shall work under a warrant granted by this Grand Chapter, under the seal thereof, and signed by all the elective Grand Officers.

Every Chapter shall have power to elect its presiding officers, treasurer and secretary, and to frame by-laws for its own government; but no by-law or ordinance in the nature of a permanent regulation shall be valid until submitted to and approved by the Grand Chapter; and, as the ancient landmarks of the Order and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter are the supreme law of every subordinate Chapter, no by-law or ordinance which may prove to be inconsistent therewith shall be held as valid.

Every Chapter shall be constituted by the Grand High Priest, with the assistance of his officers, or in their absence by a Past High Priest, duly authorized and assisted by a sufficient number of competent Royal Arch Masons, by the Grand High Priest's dispensation, under his private seal, or by a dispensation from the Grand Chapter, under the seal thereof, and attested by the Grand Secretary.

A Chapter not distinguished by a name or title shall procure the approbation of the Grand Chapter to obtain one, which shall be registered with the Grand Secretary.

No Chapter shall alter its name or title without the like approbation and registry.

The precedence of Chapters recognized as being in existence, real or inchoate, on the 5th January, 1824, shall be determined by the date of their organization.

The precedence of Chapters organized since the 5th January, 1824, shall be determined by the order of the grant of their warrants of institution.

A Chapter shall not publish any part of its proceedings, nor any matter regarding Royal Arch Masonry, without the consent of the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest.

No Chapter beyond three miles from the place of meeting of the Grand Chapter shall confer any degree on an applicant re-

siding in the vicinity of another Chapter, without the previous permission of such Chapter, or of the three principal officers thereof.

OFFICERS.

The elective officers of a Most Excellent Master Masons' and Mark Master Masons' Lodge shall consist of Master, Senior and Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer.

The elective officers of a Chapter shall be the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be chosen by ballot at the stated meeting next preceding the feast of St. John the Evangelist, in each and every year, according to the rules of the Grand Chapter regulating the choice of officers of that body.

The officers so elected shall, if practicable, be installed in their respective offices on or before St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding their election, and shall continue in office one year, or until their successors respectively be duly elected and installed.

In the event of the death, resignation or removal from this jurisdiction of any elective officer of a Chapter, the Grand High Priest may issue his dispensation, to permit a special election, to supply the vacancy, but such election shall always be held at a stated meeting, and previous notice thereof given to every member.

All officers of a Chapter not elective shall be appointed by the High Priest.

The officers of a Chapter, in the order of their rank, are *ex officio* officers of the Mark Master or Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges which may be opened under the warrant of such Chapter.

No member of a Chapter shall hold more than one office therein at one and the same time.

A Royal Arch Mason shall not be elected or appointed to any office in a Chapter, except to that of Tyler or Chaplain, who is not a member thereof.

HIGH PRIEST, KING AND SCRIBE.

It is the especial duty of the High Priest to preside at the meetings of the Chapter, to enforce an observance of its by-laws and ordinances, and of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, to see that the officers and members dis-

charge their duty faithfully and that the property and funds of the Chapter be justly managed and dispersed.

He may call a meeting of his own Chapter at pleasure, and preside in every Committee whose meetings he may think proper to attend.

He shall be installed by the next preceding High Priest who may be present; shall appoint all officers not elective, and appoint to all vacancies in the elective offices until an election shall be held and the member elected shall be installed.

He shall have special charge of the warrant of institution, which shall always be in his custody, and in the Chapter when opened and during the continuance of its labors.

No member of a Chapter shall be elected or installed High Priest until he shall have served a regular term in the station of King or Scribe of some Chapter, save at the formation of a new Chapter.

In the event of the death, resignation or absence of the High Priest, the King or Scribe, in the order of rank, is his plenary representative, and in the event of the death, resignation or absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, the next preceding Past High Priest present shall preside, and in the absence of all Past High Priests, the oldest Companion present.

In the event of the death, resignation or absence of the King, the Scribe succeeds to all his powers and duties.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The duties of other officers of a Chapter are those prescribed by the customs and usages of the Order, and the by-laws, and ordinances of the Chapter.

MEETINGS.

Every Chapter shall meet at least once in every three months.

A Chapter shall not be removed from its accustomed place of meeting, but on motion to that effect in writing made and seconded at one stated meeting and adopted at the next subsequent stated meeting by at least two-thirds of the members then present, nor until such motion shall have been submitted to and approved by the Grand Chapter, but should circumstances at any one time render the usual place of meeting improper, the Master may convene the Lodge at some other place.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND CONFERRING DEGREES.

The requisite qualifications of an applicant for degrees in Masonry within this jurisdiction shall be as follows:

For the Mark Master Mason's degree, that he shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood and be a Master Mason in good standing with the fraternity and the Master Masons' Lodge from which he hails, and capable of performing all the work in the degree he applies for.

For the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree, that in addition to the foregoing he shall be a Mark Master Mason in good standing with the Mark Master Masons' Lodge from which he hails and shall have duly passed the chair in some regular Lodge.

For the Royal Arch Mason's degree, that in addition to all the foregoing he shall be a Most Excellent Master Mason in good standing with the Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodge from which he hails.

An applicant for admission or exaltation into a Chapter as a full member thereof, shall petition for that purpose in writing at one stated meeting, stating his age, occupation and residence, and the degree to which he has arrived in Masonry, and be recommended by at least two members of the Chapter to which he applies at least one month prior to his reception, and shall produce such certificates as may be required, when a Committee of Inquiry of at least three members (excluding the recommending members) shall be appointed, who may report at the next or some subsequent stated meeting, and if the report be favorable the applicant may be balloted for, and if unanimously approved he shall be admitted.

An applicant for membership may withdraw his petition before report thereon, or after report and before ballot, if the report be favorable.

An applicant for exaltation being once rejected, a second ballot may be had on motion to that effect duly made and seconded at one stated meeting, and adopted at the next or a subsequent stated meeting, but the ballot so allowed shall be taken at the meeting at which such motion is adopted.

An applicant for membership being twice rejected, no further proceedings shall be had on his case but by appeal to the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall act upon the petition of an appli-

cant who has been rejected in another Chapter without the unanimous consent of such other Chapter.

Sojourning brethren duly qualified may be exalted at the time of their application, subject to all the foregoing provisions not inconsistent herewith.

No Chapter shall exalt any one to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason for a less sum than ten dollars, or make a Most Excellent Master Mason for a less sum than two dollars, or a Mark Master Mason for a less sum than two dollars.

The fees stipulated to be paid by applicants may be remitted in all instances of conferring degrees upon ministers of religion, but no Chapter shall receive promissory notes or otherwise give credit for the fees stipulated to be paid on conferring degrees within this jurisdiction.

Every Companion elected a member of a Chapter shall deposit therein every certificate he may have relating to degrees within this jurisdiction, which on his removal may be returned to him.

• MEMBERS.

No Royal Arch Mason shall be a member of two Chapters at one and the same time, nevertheless a member of a warranted Most Excellent Master or Mark Master Masons' Lodge may be a member of a Chapter.

A member of a Chapter ceases to be such by demission, suspension or expulsion, or by having his name struck from the roll of members in open Chapter.

No member shall be permitted to withdraw from a Chapter pending any inquiry into his character or conduct, nor until his dues shall have been paid or remitted.

The name of a member may be struck from the roll of a Chapter in the event of continued absence from this jurisdiction, or non-payment of dues, or physical inability to attend its stated meetings for twelve consecutive months.

No member shall be suspended or expelled but for an immoral or unmasonic offence, nor without due notice in writing being conveyed to him, if practicable, of the charges against him and a reasonable time allowed him for rebutting them, nor at any other than a stated meeting.

But no expulsion or suspension shall be valid until submitted to and confirmed by the Grand Chapter.

No Chapter shall expel or suspend a Royal Arch Mason who is not a member thereof at the time, nor exercise jurisdiction over any but its own members, and no member shall be suspended, expelled, or have his name struck from the roll of members, at any but a stated meeting, nor without giving him due notice, if practicable, of the charge preferred against him and of the time appointed for its consideration.

A member expelled or suspended from any body of Masons under this jurisdiction shall be excluded from all *ipso facto*.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

Any subordinate Chapter or member of the Craft under this jurisdiction, aggrieved by the conduct or proceedings of any Chapter or member of the Craft, may appeal or complain to the Grand Chapter.

All appeals and complaints shall be in writing, and at least ten days previous notice in writing shall be given to the appellee or party complained of, of the intended proceeding.

CERTIFICATES.

No Chapter shall grant a certificate or recommendation to enable any Royal Arch Mason to travel as a pauper or in an itinerant manner to apply for relief.

RETURNS AND DUES.

Every Chapter shall annually, on or near St. John the Evangelist's Day of every year, return to the Grand Chapter a complete list of all the degrees conferred therein, of members admitted, and of the deaths, dismissions, expulsions and suspensions in such Chapter, together with a copy of the by-laws they have adopted and applicants they have rejected since the preceding return.

Any Chapter failing to make the required annual return on or before the first day of March after such returns shall be due, shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if such returns be not received by him within three months following the date of the notice, the warrant of the defaulting chapter is *ipso facto* suspended.

But the warrant of such defaulting Chapter shall be revived on receipt of the returns.

With every return shall be transmitted to the Grand Chapter the fees and dues which have accrued thereon, and any Chapter in arrears for the dues of two years shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if such arrears be not discharged within six months from the date of the notice, the warrant of the defaulting Chapter is *ipso facto* suspended, but may be revived on the receipt of its arrears.

VISITORS.

The rules for the reception of visitors in a subordinate Chapter shall be the same as those which govern the reception of visitors in the Grand Chapter.

AMENDMENTS.

No amendments or alterations of these Rules and Regulations shall be made unless proposed at one stated meeting of the Grand Chapter and adopted at the next or some subsequent stated meeting by a majority of the members present.

MOST EXCELLENT AND MARK MASONS' LODGES.

All the Rules and Regulations herein contained for the government of Royal Arch Chapters and the officers and members thereof shall with equal force apply to Most Excellent and Mark Masons' Lodges, so far as the application thereof is practicable.

SCHEDULE.

These Regulations shall go into operation from and after the 27th day of December next.

From and after the 27th December next the warrants of Royal Arch Chapters shall take precedence in the order of their numbers, and shall be numbered as follows, viz.:

The numbers of warrants of Chapters No. 3 and No. 52 shall remain as they now are.

The warrants of all other Chapters whose existence prior to the 5th January, 1824, real or inchoate, has been recognized, shall be numbered in the order of their institution; the lowest number to be 53. The warrants of all other Chapters shall be numbered in the order of their grant, beginning with No. ——.

December 27, 1828.

Companion JOHN M. READ, *Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

Companion John M. Read was duly installed M. E. Grand

High Priest, Companion Samuel H. Perkins Grand King, and Companion Samuel H. Thomas Grand Secretary.

January 19, 1829. *

Companion SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *M. E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

The following appointments by the M. E. Grand High Priest were announced, viz.:

Comp. J. K. KANE,	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ FRANCIS COOPER,	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ CHARLES STOUT,	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ E. T. WEAVER,	<i>1st Grand Master 3d Vail.</i>
“ JOHN Y. BLACK,	<i>2d Grand Master 2d Vail.</i>
“ GEORGE BLACKFORD,	<i>3d Grand Master 1st Vail.</i>
“ G. T. BEDELL, D. D.,	
“ Rev. ROBERT PIGGOT,	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ H. LENHART,	
“ Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS,	
“ E. S. GANDY,	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ THOMAS AMIES,	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“ A. QUINTON,	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“ CHARLES SCHNIDER,	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

On motion, *Resolved*, That a registry number be adopted for each Chapter and Lodge under the jurisdiction now warranted and hereafter to be formed; each Chapter and Lodge respectively to take precedence in the order of its registry number.

April 6, 1829.

Companion JOHN M. READ, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Communications from the Grand Chapters of Ohio and Virginia were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

An able and instructive address was delivered by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

May, 1829.

The minutes of this meeting are not recorded.

November 16, 1829.

Companion JOHN M. READ, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Communications from sundry foreign Grand Chapters were received, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election for officers, and the following-named Companions were duly elected, viz.:

Comp. JOHN M. READ, *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *M. E. Grand King.*
 " JOSEPH S. RILEY, *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " SAMUEL H. THOMAS, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

On two ballots being had for a Grand Scribe without resulting in any choice between Companions E. S. Gandy and Charles Stout, it was decided by lot that Companion Gandy be the *M. E. Grand Scribe*.

[NOTE BY THE COMMITTEE.—Pages are left blank on the minute-book for the proceedings of meetings held December 27, 1829; May, November and December, 1830; and May, 1831. On the blank, under date of "May, 1830," is the following memorandum *in pencil*:

"Rough minutes mislaid. It is believed that no business was transacted at this and the subsequent meetings in 1830 and 1831, except the election of officers, and referring foreign communications. For the appointments announced at this meeting and that of 27th of December, 1830, refer to Manning's or Desilver's Almanacs. Signed, 'Thos.'"]

November 21, 1831.

Companion JOHN M. READ, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were duly elected, viz.:

Comp. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " ENOS S. GANDY, *M. E. Grand King.*
 " JOHN Y. BLACK, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " J. S. RILEY, *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " S. H. THOMAS, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

May 21, 1832.

Companion SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand High Priest be requested

to obtain from the Grand Secretary all papers, books and documents belonging to the office, and that he be authorized to appoint some proper and fit Companion to act as Grand Secretary for the present Masonic year.

Companions Riley, Read and Wonderly were appointed a Committee to settle the accounts of the Grand Secretary with the Grand Chapter.

JOHN M. READ,

Grand Secretary p. t.

November 19, 1832.

Companion SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *M. E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

The following-named Companions were duly elected to the respective offices for the ensuing year:

Comp. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*

" ENOS S. GANDY, . . . *M. E. Grand King.*

" JOHN Y. BLACK, . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*

" JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

" JOHN M. READ, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Annual communications from the Grand Chapter of Ohio and Kentucky were received and filed.

December 27, 1832.

Companion SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Companion Perkins was duly installed and proclaimed *M. E. Grand High Priest.*

May 20, 1833.

Companion SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore, were received, read and ordered to be filed.

The following appointments were made:

Comp. CHARLES STOUT, . . . *Grand Captain of the Host.*

" FRANCIS COOPER, . . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*

Comp. JOHN HOGAN,	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ JOHN SCOTT,	<i>Grand Master 1st Vail.</i>
“ JOSEPH SHINER,	<i>Grand Master 2d Vail.</i>
“ W. R. KERR,	<i>Grand Master 3d Vail.</i>
“ GEORGE S. SCHOTT,	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ G. T. BEDELL,	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ ROBERT PIGGOT,	
“ CHARLES SCHNIDER,	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ T. B. FREEMAN,	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
“ J. S. RILEY,	
“ JOHN Y. BLACK,	

Companions Riley, Black and Read were appointed a Committee to procure the books and papers from the late Grand Secretary.

November 18, 1833.

Companion SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following-named Companions were elected to the respective offices, viz.:

Comp. ENOS S. GANDY,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest</i> ,
	in place of Comp. Perkins, who declined a reëlection.
“ JOHN Y. BLACK,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary</i> ,
	in place of Comp. Read, who declined a reëlection.

December 27, 1833.

Companions E. S. Gandy, John Y. Black, Joseph R. Chandler and Samuel H. Perkins were installed into their respective offices.

May 19, 1834.

Companion B. NEWCOMB, *M. E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

Companions Read, Schott and Perkins were appointed a Committee to procure the books, papers, vouchers and other property of the Grand Chapter, and deliver them to the present Grand Secretary.

November 17, 1834.

Companion E. S. GANDY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following Companions were duly elected to the several offices of the Grand Chapter, viz.:

Comp. JOHN Y. BLACK,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ FRANCIS COOPER,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

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May 18, 1835.

Companion MICHAEL NISBET, *M. E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

Companion John Y. Black was duly installed *M. E. Grand High Priest*, and proclaimed as such.

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June 29, 1835.

Companion JOHN Y. BLACK, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Communications from the Grand Chapter of Virginia, for the years 1833 and 1834, were received and filed.

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November 16, 1835.

Companion JOHN Y. BLACK, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following-named Companions were duly elected to the respective offices, viz.:

Comp. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest,</i> in place of Comp. Gandy, who declined a reëlection.
“ FRANCIS COOPER,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ GEORGE S. SCHOTT,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

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January 2, 1836.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Comp. CHARLES STOUT,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ J. R. HELMBOLD,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ J. A. PHILLIPS,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Master 3d Vail.</i>
“ J. HICKEY,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Master 2d Vail.</i>
“ J. BAKER,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Master 1st Vail.</i>
“ A. DIAMOND,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ CHARLES SCHNIDER,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Companions Joseph R. Chandler, Francis Cooper and Samuel H. Perkins were installed into their respective offices.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be instructed to prepare an address to be delivered at the opening of the Grand Chapter in the new Hall.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions Newcomb and Cooper be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for opening the Grand Chapter.

May 16, 1836.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Companion George S. Schott was duly installed into the office of Grand Scribe.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Companion Stewart, in conjunction with the Grand Officers, be a Committee to procure the books and property of this Grand Chapter from Companion Thomas.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to whom were referred all the financial concerns of this Grand Chapter.

A bill from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, amounting to \$1,205.50, was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Joseph R. Chandler, delivered a most appropriate and interesting address upon the duties, obligations and advantages of Royal Arch Masonry.

And, on motion, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be and they are hereby tendered to the M. E. Grand High Priest for the eloquent, able and dignified address just delivered.

November 21, 1836.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following Companions were duly elected to the respective offices, viz.: :

Comp. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ FRANCIS COOPER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ GEORGE S. SCHOTT, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ SAMUEL M. STEWART, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The Grand Lodge bill for rent and light for the year 1835, amounting to \$63.50, was then taken up, and Companions Perkins, Stout and Moore were appointed a Committee to receive advances from the subordinate Chapters and ascertain the state of the funds in the treasury of the Grand Chapter, and pay the Grand Lodge bill with all possible despatch.

December 27, 1836.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Companions Joseph R. Chandler, Francis Cooper, George S. Schott and Samuel M. Stewart were severally installed into the respective offices to which they had been elected.

On motion of Companion Cooper, it was *Resolved*, That the election of this Grand Chapter be published in the daily newspapers, provided the same is done by the R. W. Grand Lodge of this State.

September 8, 1837.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Comp. CHARLES STOUT, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ J. R. HELMBOLD, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ JOSEPH MEYER, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ JAMES HICKEY, . . .	<i>Grand Master 1st Vail.</i>
“ J. A. PHILLIPS, . . .	<i>Grand Master 2d Vail.</i>

Comp. ZELOTUS FULLER,	.	.	.	.	.	Chaplain.
“ CHARLES SCHNIDER,	.	.	.	.	.	Tyler.
“ FRANCIS COOPER,	.	.	.	.	.
“ CHARLES STOUT,	.	.	.	.	.	Com. on Finance.
“ E. S. GANDY,	.	.	.	.	.
“ S. M. STEWART,	.	.	.	.	.
“ S. H. PERKINS,	.	.	.	.	.	Com. on By-Laws.
“ JAMES HICKEY,	.	.	.	.	.

The following report, &c., was received and read:

*To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
of the State of Pennsylvania:*

The Grand Secretary, who in conjunction with the Grand Officers were appointed on the 16th of May, 1836, a Committee to procure the books and property of the Grand Chapter from Companion Thomas, the former Grand Secretary, respectfully reports on their behalf, that after considerable trouble and some expense incurred in consequence of Companion Thomas residing so far from the seat of general business, they received, on the 12th of August last, the following, viz.:

The minute-book of the Grand Chapter, in which there have been no minutes recorded since the 19th of January, 1829, except one of 16th November, 1829, and one of 21st November, 1831, (the intermediate ones are lost,) until the 21st of May, 1832, from which time correct minutes have been preserved by Companions Read, Perkins and the present Grand Secretary.

The letter-book, in which the last letter copied is dated May 10, 1828.

Two registers, in which no names or returns have been registered since the year 1826.

A ledger, in which no entries have been made since 1826.

A bundle of papers containing letters, by-laws, returns, &c., of Chapters long since extinct, and sundry blank certificates, warrants, &c.

The Committee regret to state that they have not yet been able to get possession of the certificate plate, which cost originally about \$210. Companion Thomas has promised to use his best endeavors to find it.

The books and papers thus received, with the exception of the minute-book, are entirely useless under the present Constitution

of the M. E. Grand Chapter, adopted 23d December, 1828. They therefore offer for the consideration of the Grand Chapter the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to procure a register for the use of the Grand Chapter, in which the names of all the Royal Arch, Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons under the present Constitution shall be entered, so far as returns can be obtained; also, a ledger and journal, in which accounts shall be opened with every Chapter, Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons' Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and also with all disbursing and receiving officers attached thereto.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure for the use of this Grand Chapter two hundred and fifty blank returns for Chapters, and two hundred and fifty blank returns for Mark Lodges.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to apply to the different Chapters, Most Excellent and Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, requiring each of them to render returns of the work done by them respectively from the time of their being constituted up to the year 1836.

[The only returns at present on file are: from Chapter No. 52, for election of officers, 1835; from Chapter No. 91, general, for 1831, 1832 and 1834; from Mark Lodge No. 91, general, for 1832, 1833 and 1836.]

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be requested to render his accounts in detail, from the year 1828 to the end of the year 1836, to the Chairman of the Committee of Finance; and when passed by said Committee, to be handed by them to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

Philadelphia, September 8, 1837.

On motion, the above report with the resolutions attached thereto were adopted, and the Committee continued, to endeavor to procure the certificate plate and other property of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Lodge bill for rent and lighting for the year 1836, amounting to \$22, was read and ordered to be paid.

A petition was received for a warrant to hold a Mark Lodge in Easton, Pa., which was granted to Northampton Mark Lodge, No. 212.

November 20, 1837.

Companion FRANCIS COOPER, *M. E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

Returns were received and filed from Schuylkill Mark Lodge, No. 138, from December, 1828, to December, 1836.

A return was received to the dispensation to constitute the new Mark Master Masons' Lodge at Easton, showing that the same had been constituted on the 2d of October last.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to an election for officers, and the following Companions were duly elected, viz.:

Comp. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " FRANCIS COOPER, . . . *M. E. Grand King.*
 " GEORGE S. SCHOTT, . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " CHARLES STOUT, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer,*
 in room of Comp. Jos. S. Riley, who declined a reélection.
 " SAMUEL M. STEWART, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The following was read, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

Proceedings of the M. E. Grand High Priest and Officers of the M. E. Holy Royal Arch Chapter on the Constitution, in the borough of Reading, Berks county, of Reading Chapter, No. 152, on the 15th and 16th of September, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

A Mark Master Masons' Lodge was opened at 9 o'clock on the evening of Friday, September 15, 1837, under the sanction of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and by virtue of his presence and authority.

Bro. SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
" JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, M. E. G. H. P.,	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
" F. COOPER,	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
" SAMUEL M. STEWART,	<i>Secretary.</i>
" JAMES HICKEY,	
" J. L. STICHTER,	
" GEORGE S. SCHOTT,	<i>Inspectors.</i>

A number of brethren had the Mark degree conferred upon them.

The Mark Lodge was closed, and a Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodge opened.

Bro. S. H. PERKINS, *Worshipful Master.*
 " J. R. CHANDLER, *Senior Warden.*
 " F. COOPER, *Junior Warden.*

A number of brethren were received and accepted Most Excellent Master Masons, and the Lodge closed in harmony at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, *September 16, 1837.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest, by virtue of the power and authority in him vested, opened a Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Comp. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " SAM'L H. PERKINS, P.G.H.P., acting as *Deputy Grand High Priest.*
 " FRANCIS COOPER, *M. E. Grand King.*
 " GEORGE S. SCHOTT, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " SAMUEL M. STEWART, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
 " CHARLES SCHNIDER, *Grand Captain of the Host.*
 " JAMES HICKEY, *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
 " WILLIAM B. POTTS, *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*

A number of brethren were exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons in ancient form.

The M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest then delivered to them an interesting and instructive lecture on the origin and history of Royal Arch Masonry, which was followed by an address from the M. E. Grand High Priest upon the principles and tendencies of Royal Arch Masonry, and especially upon the duties of Royal Arch Masons towards each other and towards the world.

The Ceremony of Constitution was then proceeded with, after which the new Chapter was dedicated in due and ancient form, the Grand High Priest pronouncing the following:

"To our most excellent patron, Zerubbabel, we solemnly dedicate this Chapter. May the blessing of our Heavenly High Priest descend and rest upon its members, and may their felicity be immortal."

"Glory be to God on high."

Responses by the brethren, and proclamation by the Grand Marshal.

The officers of the new Chapter were then installed into their respective offices:

Comp. GEORGE M. KEIM, *High Priest.*
 " DANIEL HERR, *King.*
 " JOSEPH L. STICHTER, *Scribe.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered an address to the officers and Companions of the new Chapter, in which he set forth some of the excellencies of the Order, the persecutions to which the Craft have been exposed, and pointed with emphasis to the duty of forbearance (even under the severest persecutions) towards the enemies of the Order, and encouraged the Companions to a continuance in the course of virtue which had distinguished them thus far.

December 27, 1837.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest,* presiding.

Companion Joseph R. Chandler was duly installed M. E. Grand High Priest, and the installation of the other officers was postponed for the present.

May 17, 1838.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest,* presiding.

A petition was received for a warrant to hold a Chapter either at Pottsville or Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa.; and, on motion, a warrant was granted to Schuylkill Chapter, to be numbered 159.

Companion William B. Potts being present, was duly installed M. E. High Priest of Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159, and authorized to install the other officers of the said Chapter.

It having been stated that Brother E. S. Conner, a Most Excellent Master Mason, and member of Holy Royal Arch Chapter No. 91, was in waiting and desirous of receiving the degree of Holy Royal Arch Masonry, the M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to cause him to be introduced and exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

May 21, 1838.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Comp. ALEX. DIAMOND,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
" J. J. KREIDER,	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
" JOSEPH MEYER,	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
" J. W. McGRATH,	.	.	<i>Grand Master 1st Vail.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	.	.	<i>Grand Master 2d Vail.</i>
" WILLIAM WHITNEY,	.	.	<i>Grand Master 3d Vail.</i>
" ZELOTUS FULLER,	.	.	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
" CHARLES SCHNIDER,	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" E. S. GANDY,	.	.	
" J. A. PHILLIPS,	.	.	
" R. R. MOORE,	.	.	<i>Com. of Finance.</i>
" WILLIAM BARGER,	.	.	
" S. M. STEWART,	.	.	
" S. H. PERKINS,	.	.	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
" J. HICKEY,	.	.	

A communication was received and read from A. Thomas and others, "members of Holy Royal Arch Chapter No. 43, held in the city of Lancaster," desiring to resume and work under its old warrant, &c., and praying that they may be recognized as such.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had, on February 17, replied to the communication, saying that "by direction and on behalf of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Joseph R. Chandler, Esq., he would say that their course meets his entire approbation, and will be confirmed at the next meeting of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter."

He also stated that the minute-book of Chapter No. 43 had been handed to him, wherein it appeared that the election for officers was irregular, there being different officers elected for the Chapter, Most Excellent and Mark Lodges; whereupon, on motion duly made, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter approve of the prompt measures adopted by the M. E. Grand High Priest, as expressed in the letter of the Grand Secretary, February 17,

1838, to Companion Moderwell, on the petition of a number of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Lancaster just read.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform Companion Thomas, High Priest of Chapter No. 43, that the Grand Chapter have learned that there were different officers elected for the Chapter, Most Excellent and Mark Lodges, which are contrary to the present Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and that he be required to cause another election to be held for officers of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter No. 43, held in the city of Lancaster, and a return of the same forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the work done by Chapter No. 43, Lancaster, from the time of their reorganization, February 22, 1838, to the present time be approved so far as relates to the making of Mark and Most Excellent Masters and exalting to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Masons.

Returns from Mark Lodges Nos. 91, 138 and —, of Easton, were received.

Ordered that two hundred and fifty copies of the Constitution be printed.

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June 25, 1838.

Companion SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *M.E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

This Extra Grand Communication was convened in consequence of a difference of opinion existing among the members of Chapter No. 43, the High Priest being present for the purpose of having the matter settled and arranged by the Grand Chapter.

After the reading of a letter from Companion McKenigan, protesting against the action of Chapter No. 43 in conducting the new election ordered by the Grand Chapter, and also a letter from sundry Companions replying to said protest.

On motion made, and seconded, the said election was sanctioned and confirmed.

The Grand Chapter duly installed Companion Abner Thomas in the office of High Priest of Chapter No. 43.

It appearing that Companions Abner Thomas, George S. Schott, Ezra W. Smith and Robert Hutchinson had been regularly installed High Priests of their several Chapters, the degree of High Priest was conferred on them.

November 19, 1838.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following letter was received, read, and referred to Companions Chandler, Perkins, Phillips and Stewart.

BALTIMORE, August 13, 1838.

To Companion SAMUEL M. STEWART,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania:

SIR AND COMPANION: I am informed by our mutual friend, Companion James Herring, who will hand you this, that there has been a separation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania from the Grand Lodge of that State, and that the two bodies are now separately organized. Under these circumstances I beg leave to suggest for your consideration and to that of your Grand Chapter, whether it would not promote the general interests of the Order for the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania to unite her interests with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, thus combining in one body the general good of all its parts, and thereby strengthen the whole. The General Grand Chapter holds its triennial meeting in Boston, on the 11th September next, when and where, I am sure, the officers and members of that body would be very much gratified in meeting a delegation from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. I will be glad to hear from you on this or any other matter connected with the Craft whenever your leisure will permit.

I am fraternally yours,

CHARLES GILMAN,

General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election for officers, with the following result:

Comp. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ FRANCIS COOPER,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ GEORGE S. SCHOTT,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ CHARLES STOUT,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ SAMUEL M. STEWART,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was received and filed.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 152, appoint-

ing Companion Samuel M. Stewart the proxy of said Chapter; and, on motion, Companion Stewart was received and acknowledged as such proxy.

December 27, 1838.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following Companions were duly installed into their respective offices, viz.:

Comp. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ FRANCIS COOPER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ GEORGE S. SCHOTT, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ CHARLES STOUT, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ SAMUEL M. STEWART, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Comp. ALEX. DIAMOND, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ J. J. KREIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ JOSEPH MEYER, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ J. W. McGRATH, . . .	<i>Grand Master 1st Vail.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, . . .	<i>Grand Master 2d Vail.</i>
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . .	<i>Grand Master 3d Vail.</i>
“ ZELOLUS FULLER, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ CHARLES SCHNIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ J. A. PHILLIPS, . . .	<i>Com. of Finance.</i>
“ R. R. MOORE, . . .	
“ WILLIAM BARGER, . . .	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
“ S. M. STEWART, . . .	
“ S. H. PERKINS, . . .	
“ J. HICKEY, . . .	

All the Companions who had not received the degree of High Priest having retired, and it appearing that Companions Francis Cooper, of No. 52, and Russell of No. 3, had been regularly elected High Priests of their respective Chapters, they were then installed into the same.

May 20, 1839.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A statement was read by the Grand Secretary, showing the

financial condition of the Grand Chapter, and a report made by him, with resolutions attached thereto, was submitted and adopted.

A petition was received and read for a warrant to hold a Mark Master Masons' Lodge in the city of Philadelphia, to be called Zerubbabel Mark Lodge, and nominating for its first officers:

Bro. WILLIAM WHITNEY, *Worshipful Master.*
 " ZADOC A. DAVIS, *Senior Warden.*
 " JOHN HENRY MARKLAND, *Junior Warden.*

And, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That a warrant be granted as prayed for, numbered 213.

May 22, 1839.

Companion SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *M. E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

Companion Joseph L. Stichter was duly installed Most Excellent High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter No. 152, at Reading.

It appearing that Companions Joseph R. Chandler, Joseph L. Stichter, George S. Schott and John Thomson had been regularly installed High Priests of their respective Chapters, the degree of Past High Priest was conferred on them.

November 18, 1839.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Grand Secretary reported that on Friday, June 28 last, the M. E. Grand High Priest constituted Mark Lodge No. 213, in this city, and installed the Master and Wardens thereof.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to an election for officers, and the following Companions were duly elected to the respective positions:

Comp. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " ALEXANDER DIAMOND, . . . *M. E. Grand King,*
 (Comp. Francis Cooper having declined a reëlection.)
 " GEORGE SMITH, *M. E. Grand Scribe,*
 (Comp. George S. Schott having declined a reëlection.)
 " CHARLES STOUT, *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " BAYSE NEWCOMB, *M. E. Grand Secretary,*
 (Comp. Samuel M. Stewart having declined a reëlection.)

The Committee appointed on the 19th of November, 1838, to whom was referred the letter of Companion Charles Gilman, Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, addressed to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, were, on motion, discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

December 27, 1839.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following Companions were duly installed into their respective offices:

Comp. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ ALEXANDER DIAMOND, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ BAYSE NEWCOMB, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter be given to Companion Samuel M. Stewart for his Masonic zeal displayed for the good of the Order, and for the fidelity, skill and ability with which he has discharged the duties of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter; and the Grand High Priest be respectfully requested forthwith to tender the same to him.

April 4, 1840.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication from Companion John Birmingham, District Deputy Grand Master of Alleghany county, was received and read, containing the names of the proper officers and members of the resuscitated Chapter held at Pittsburg, and asking the Grand Chapter to resuscitate them as a Chapter, and for direction in regard to the number of the Chapter.

Whereupon, on motion, *Resolved*, That the Companions named be the officers and members of said Chapter, and that the number be 113.

A petition was received and read, dated Vandalia, Illinois, March 2, 1840, signed by N. C. McCurdy and others, praying for a warrant for a Chapter to be held in the town of Vandalia, Illi-

nois, to be named Vandalia Chapter for Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, recommended by Missouri Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, March 6, at St. Louis; and the Grand Chapter having received satisfactory evidence that there is no Grand Chapter in the State of Illinois, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and a warrant be issued accordingly, to be called Vandalia Chapter, No. 160.

Companion N. C. McCurdy was installed High Priest of the said Chapter.

November 16, 1840.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following Companions were duly elected to the respective offices, viz.:

Comp. ALEXANDER DIAMOND,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE SMITH,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ CHARLES STOUT,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ MICHAEL NISBET,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary inform Brother R. W. Desilver that the Grand Chapter consider it inexpedient to refund the money paid for the charter of Vandalia Chapter, No. 160.

December 28, 1840.

Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following officers were severally installed into their respective stations, viz.:

Comp. ALEXANDER DIAMOND,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE SMITH,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ CHARLES STOUT,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ MICHAEL NISBET,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The M. E. Grand High Priest was then pleased to make the following appointments, viz.:

Comp. JOHN THOMSON,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
" JOHN J. KREIDER,	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
" J. MARKLAND,	.	.	<i>Grand Master 1st Vail.</i>
" J. A. PHILLIPS,	.	.	<i>Grand Master 2d Vail.</i>
" J. W. McGRATH,	.	.	<i>Grand Master 3d Vail.</i>
" JACOB MYERS,	.	.	<i>Grand Holy R. A. Captain.</i>
" CHARLES SCHNIDER,	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" WILLIAM COOPER,	.	.	
" J. J. KERR,	.	.	
" GAB. MOORE,	.	.	
" — DONNELLY,	.	.	
" J. GOODMAN,	.	.	
" R. R. MOORE,	.	.	
" J. A. PHILLIPS,	.	.	
" WILLIAM BARGER,	.	.	
" J. H. MARKLAND,	.	.	
" MICHAEL NISBET,	.	.	
" JOHN THOMSON,	.	.	
" Z. A. DAVIS,	.	.	

} *Grand Chaplains.*

} *Com. of Accounts.*

} *Com. of Correspondence.*

} *Com. on By-Laws.*

On motion made, and carried, Companion Z. A. Davis was installed High Priest of Chapter No. 91.

May 17, 1841.

Companion ALEXANDER DIAMOND, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to write to Mark Lodges Nos. 91 and 213 to appear before the Grand Secretary, in the persons of the Master and Secretary of the said Lodges, with their books, papers, &c., for examination, and the Grand Secretary to make report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed on a uniformity of work.

Past Grand High Priests Companions Newcomb and Perkins and Companion J. W. McGrath were appointed said Committee.

Communications from the Grand Chapters of Alabama, Virginia and Tennessee were received, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

November 15, 1841.

Companion ALEXANDER DIAMOND, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following report was received from the Committee of Correspondence—read and ordered to be filed.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members
of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

The Committee of Correspondence respectfully report that they have examined the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, viz.: Of the States of Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama, during the past Masonic year, and find nothing particularly requiring the action or consideration of the Grand Chapter. They observe with much pleasure a growing zeal in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry in those States, but most especially in Alabama, where there are no less than seventeen subordinate Chapters now organized and working under the Grand Chapter of that State.

The proceedings of these Grand Chapters embrace in general the lists of their officers and members, their financial affairs and other matters, showing them to be good and active fellow-laborers in the common vineyard.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. PHILLIPS,
J. H. MARKLAND,
WM. BARGER,

Committee.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter is of the opinion that clergymen who are members of subordinate Chapters should be viewed on returns as members for whom dues should be paid by the Chapter, whether such members be charged with Chapter dues or not.

Communications were received from the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire, Kentucky and Georgia; which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The following Companions were then duly elected to the several stations as follows, viz.:

Comp. ALEXANDER DIAMOND, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ WILLIAM BARGER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ CHARLES STOUT, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ MICHAEL NISBET, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 27, 1841.

Companion ALEXANDER DIAMOND, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following Companions were installed into their respective stations:

Comp. ALEXANDER DIAMOND, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ WILLIAM BARGER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ CHARLES STOUT, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ MICHAEL NISBET, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

Previous to his installation Companion Stout stated his intended removal from the city, and his consequent inability to serve as the Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and tendered his resignation, to take place as soon as the Committee on Accounts should settle with him and give him his discharge; to which the Grand Chapter assented.

Companion J. W. McGrath was installed High Priest of Chapter No. 52, and Companion Michael Bouvier High Priest of Chapter No. 91.

Communications were received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence from the following Grand Chapters, &c., viz.: General Grand Chapter of the United States; Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee; General Grand Encampment of the United States.

On motion, a Committee of five were appointed to inquire who are entitled to membership in this Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed on this Committee: Companions J. R. Chandler, B. Newcomb, S. H. Perkins, M. Nisbet and J. S. Riley.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made his annual appointments, as follows:

Comp. JOHN THOMSON, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
" JOHN J. KREIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
" JOHN W. MCGRATH, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
" J. A. PHILLIPS, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
" J. H. MARKLAND, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
" JOSEPH MYERS, . . .	<i>Grand Holy R. A. Captain.</i>
" CHARLES SCHNIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" WILLIAM COOPER, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" J. J. KERR, . . .	
" JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .	<i>Com. of Accounts.</i>
" JOHN GOODMAN, . . .	
" E. S. GANDY, . . .	
" J. A. PHILLIPS, . . .	
" J. H. MARKLAND, . . .	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
" A. BOURNONVILLE, . . .	
" M. NISBET, . . .	
" JOHN THOMSON, . . .	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
" E. P. LESCURE, . . .	

May 16, 1842.

Companion ALEXANDER DIAMOND, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Companion B. NEWCOMB, *M. E. Grand Secretary p. t.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest mentioned the death of Companion Michael Nisbet.

A communication was received from Companion Stout, late Grand Treasurer, with his accounts and vouchers; which was, on motion, referred to Companions Riley, Gandy and Markland for audit.

Companion John W. McGrath offered the following preamble and resolutions, viz.:

Whereas, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from among us our respected and beloved Companion, Michael Nisbet, late Grand Secretary of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania; Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter deeply sympathize with his family in their affliction.

Resolved, That this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter be hung in mourning until the end of the Masonic year.

Resolved, That Companions Diamond, Newcomb and Bouvier be a Committee to convey a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

Which were adopted.

The Committee on Uniformity of Work were continued.

The Committee on Membership were continued, and afterwards discharged.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That when the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter adjourn, it shall be adjourned to the third Monday in next month, and that an election shall then be gone into for Secretary and Treasurer of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and that notice thereof shall be duly given.

Companion Newcomb was appointed Grand Secretary until the next meeting.

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June 20, 1842.

Companion WILLIAM WHITNEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

The minutes relating to the election of Secretary and Treasurer were read; and it was *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter would not go into an election for Secretary and Treasurer.

Companion Newcomb was re-appointed Secretary until the next meeting.

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November 21, 1842.

Companion ALEXANDER DIAMOND, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A petition was received and read, praying for the reorganization of Chapter No. 21, at Harrisburg; which petition was referred to the elective Grand Officers, with power to act.

The Grand Chapter then went into an election for officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and the following Companions were duly elected, viz.:

Comp. WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest*,
(Comp. Alex. Diamond having declined a reëlection.)

“ WILLIAM BARGER, . . . *M. E. Grand King*.

“ JOHN G. RUSSELL, . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe*.

“ JOHN THOMSON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer*.

“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary*.

December 27, 1842.

Companion ALEXANDER DIAMOND, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following Companions were then installed into their respective stations, viz.:

Comp. WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ WILLIAM BARGER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JOHN G. RUSSELL, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The following appointments were then made:

Comp. J. J. KREIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ J. A. PHILLIPS, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ J. H. MARKLAND, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
“ E. P. LESCURE, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
“ ROBERT McCULLOCH, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
“ JOSEPH MYERS, . . .	<i>Grand Holy R. A. Captain.</i>
“ CHARLES SCHNIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ JOHN L. BURROWS, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ JOHN J. KERR, . . .	
“ WILLIAM COOPER, . . .	<i>Com. of Accounts.</i>
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .	
“ JOHN GOODMAN, . . .	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
“ ENOS S. GANDY, . . .	
“ ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, . . .	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
“ J. W. MARTIEN, . . .	
“ HARMAN BAUGH, . . .	
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, . . .	
“ DANIEL THOMPSON, . . .	
“ JAMES SIMPSON, . . .	

May 15, 1843.

Companion WILLIAM WHITNEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books reported that there had been received \$145.41, all of which had been paid out, and "there are not any funds in the Treasurer's hands."

The Grand Officers reported that "on the 27th day of Feb-

ruary, 1843, the Grand High Priest had issued his dispensation to proceed and reorganize Chapter No. 21 at Harrisburg. A copy of the warrant was also sent them, as requested; and on the 6th of April, 1843, returns were received by the Grand Secretary, showing the revival and re-opening of Perseverance Chapter, No. 21, at Harrisburg, on the 22d day of March, 1843."

General returns were received from Mark Lodge No. 91; which were referred back for correction, they having suspended brethren for non-payment of dues.

Communications were received from the Grand Chapters of Virginia, Alabama and Maryland; which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Companion John H. Markland stated that he was the last Master of Zerubbabel Mark Lodge, No. 213; that said Mark Lodge had ceased its labors; he therefore surrendered the warrant, and further stated that the books, accounts, &c., would be handed to the Grand Secretary.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the account of Mark Lodge No. 91 be closed up to December 27 last, by their paying fifty dollars.

November 20, 1843.

Companion WILLIAM WHITNEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received and read from the Secretary of Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, (to whom was referred for correction the general returns of said Mark Lodge for the years 1841 and 1842,) stating that the returns were again presented to the Grand Chapter unaltered, they having been made out agreeably to the long-established custom of the said Mark Lodge, and in accordance with its by-laws.

When, on motion duly made, the returns were referred to a Committee of three.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions J. W. McGrath, Alexander Diamond and John Thomson the Committee.

General returns were received from Chapter No. 52, and the same objection being made to them as had been made to those of Mark Lodge No. 91 considerable discussion took place.

When, on motion duly made, the returns were ordered to be filed.

A motion was then made to reconsider the referring the returns of the Mark Lodge to a Committee, and to discharge said Committee, which motion was duly carried; and, on motion, the returns of Mark Lodge No. 91 were ordered to be filed.

The following Companions were elected to fill the several stations, viz.:

Comp. WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ WILLIAM BARGER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JOHN G. RUSSELL, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 27, 1843.

Companion WILLIAM WHITNEY, *Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following Companions were duly installed into their respective stations, viz.:

Comp. WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ WILLIAM BARGER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The M. E. Grand High Priest then made the following appointments:

Comp. JOHN J. KREIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ JOHN H. MARKLAND, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ EDWARD P. LESCURE, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
“ ROBERT McCULLOCH, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
“ JAMES SIMPSON, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
“ JOSEPH MYERS, . . .	<i>Grand Holy R. A. Captain.</i>
“ CHARLES SCHNIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ JOHN L. BURROWS, . . .	
“ JOHN J. KERR, . . .	
“ WILLIAM COOPER, . . .	
“ A. BOURNONVILLE, . . .	
“ J. W. MARTIEN, . . .	
“ HARMAN BAUGH, . . .	
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .	
“ JOHN GOODMAN, . . .	
“ ENOS S. GANDY, . . .	

} *Grand Chaplains.*

} *Com. of Correspondence.*

} *Com. of Accounts.*

Comp. WILLIAM H. ADAMS, }
 " DANIEL THOMPSON, } *Com. on By-Laws.*
 " GEORGE THOMSON, }

A communication from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was received, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Companion John Thomson offered the following, viz.:

Resolved, That the thanks of this M. E. Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to Companion Alexander Diamond, M. E. Grand High Priest, for the able and efficient manner in which he presided over its deliberations during the years 1841 and 1842.

Resolved, That the elective Grand Officers be a Committee to convey the above resolution to Companion Alexander Diamond, Past Grand High Priest.

All the Companions except Past High Priests having retired, Companion Daniel Thompson was duly installed M. E. High Priest of Chapter No. 52, and Companion John H. Markland High Priest of Chapter No. 91.

January 5, 1844.

Companion WILLIAM BARGER, *M. E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that the Grand Chapter was called together for the purpose of electing a Grand Scribe, Companion John G. Russell having declined serving. The Grand Chapter proceeded to a ballot, and Companion John W. McGrath was duly chosen and installed.

May 20, 1844.

Companion WILLIAM WHITNEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Virginia was received, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

On motion, the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay the Grand Lodge \$100 on account.

November 18, 1844.

Companion WILLIAM WHITNEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the regalia formerly belong-

ing to the late Mark Lodge No. 67 be presented to Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91.

On motion, the Grand Chapter proceeded to an election for the ensuing year; and the ballots having been counted, it appeared that—

Comp. WILLIAM BARGER was elected *M. E. Grand High Priest*,
(Comp. William Whitney declining a reëlection.)

- “ J. W. McGRATH, *M. E. Grand King.*
- “ JOHN J. KREIDER, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
- “ JOHN THOMSON, *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
- “ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

All the Companions except Past High Priests having retired, Companion Robert Frazier was duly installed High Priest of Chapter No. 152 at Reading.

December 27, 1844.

Companion WILLIAM WHITNEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Companion James Simpson was duly installed High Priest of Chapter No. 91.

The following Companions were severally installed into their respective offices, viz.:

- Comp. WILLIAM BARGER, *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
- “ JOHN W. McGRATH, *M. E. Grand King.*
- “ JOHN J. KREIDER, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
- “ JOHN THOMSON, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
- “ WM. H. ADAMS, *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to make the following appointments:

- Comp. E. P. LESCURE, *Grand Captain of the Host.*
- “ ROBERT McCULLOCH, *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
- “ JAMES SIMPSON, *Grand Captain 3d Vail.*
- “ THOMAS B. FLORENCE, *Grand Captain 2d Vail.*
- “ DANIEL THOMPSON, *Grand Captain 1st Vail.*
- “ JOSEPH MYERS, *Grand Holy R. A. Captain.*
- “ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER, *Grand Tyler.*

Comp. JOHN L. BURROWS,	.	.	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" JOHN J. KERR,	.	.		
" WILLIAM COOPER,	.	.	}	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
" A. BOURNONVILLE,	.	.		
" HARMAN BAUGH,	.	.	}	<i>Com. of Accounts.</i>
" ENOS S. GANDY,	.	.		
" JOSEPH S. RILEY,	.	.	}	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
" GEORGE D. HASWELL,	.	.		
" GEORGE THOMSON,	.	.		
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	.		
" WILLIAM WHITNEY,	.	.		
" JOHN GOODMAN,	.	.		

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

May 19, 1845.

Companion WILLIAM BARGER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Communications from Grand Chapters of Alabama, Virginia and Texas were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A petition for a warrant for a new Chapter at Towanda, to be called "Union Holy Royal Arch, Chapter No. —," was received and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

November 15, 1845.

Companion WILLIAM BARGER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application for the revival of Chapter No. 150, at Washington, Pa., was received and referred to the Grand Officers.

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky was received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A communication was received from R. R. M—— complaining of the action of Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, in suspending him for non-payment of dues; which, being read, was referred to a Committee consisting of Past Grand High Priests Companions Perkins and Diamond, and Companions Florence, John Thompson and Bournonville.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regula-

tions of the Grand Chapter for the annual election of officers, the Grand Chapter proceeded to ballot for them, and the Tellers reported the following Companions elected, viz.:

Comp. WILLIAM BARGER,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ JOHN W. MCGRATH,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JAMES SIMPSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WM. H. ADAMS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

A discussion arose as to who are entitled to membership in this M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

When, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That Companions Perkins, Whitney, Diamond, Newcomb and Barger be a Committee to inquire and report to the Grand Chapter who are entitled to membership.

Companion John Thomson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter it shall not be lawful to confer the degree of a Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master Mason, or Holy Royal Arch Masonry, at a special meeting of any Mark Lodge or Chapter without the presence of the M. E. High Priest, or his dispensation for that purpose having been previously obtained.

December 27, 1845.

Companion WILLIAM BARGER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following officers being present were severally installed:

Comp. WILLIAM BARGER,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ JOHN W. MCGRATH,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JAMES SIMPSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WM. H. ADAMS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The M. E. Grand High Priest was then pleased to make the following appointments:

Comp. E. P. LESCURE,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ ROBERT McCULLOCH,	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ THOMAS B. FLORENCE,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
“ DANIEL THOMSON,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
“ JOSEPH H. ISRAEL,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
“ JOSEPH MYERS,	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER,	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Comp. Rev. JNO. L. BURROWS,	{	}	
“ JOHN J. KERR, . . .			<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ WILLIAM COOPER, . . .			
“ A. BOURNONVILLE, . . .			
“ HARMAN BAUGH, . . .			<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
“ ENOS S. GANDY, . . .			
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .			
“ GEORGE D. HASWELL, . . .			<i>Com. of Accounts.</i>
“ GEORGE THOMSON, . . .			
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . .			
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, . . .			<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
“ GEORGE GRISCOM, . . .			

The Committee to whom was referred the complaint of Companion R. R. M—— against Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, made a report, with resolutions attached, as follows:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the suspension of Companion R. R. M—— for non-payment of dues, by Mark Lodge No. 91, is not warranted by the facts in the case, inasmuch as Companion R. R. M—— was absent from the city at the time, and it appears he did not receive due notice of the action of the Lodge in his case, and having no opportunity afforded him to have his account adjusted with the Mark Lodge. Therefore, the proceedings of said Mark Lodge in the case of Companion R. R. M—— is hereby reversed.

Resolved, That Companion R. R. M—— is hereby reinstated into good standing.

Which was received and the resolutions adopted.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to notify the Chapters of the city, and Mark Lodge No. 91, of this action of the Grand Chapter.

December 27, 1845.

Companion Past Grand High Priest DIAMOND, presiding.

All those who were not Past High Priests having retired, Companion B. S. Riley was duly installed High Priest of Chapter No. 52, and Companion Harman Baugh was duly installed High Priest of Chapter No. 91.

May 18, 1846.

Companion JOHN W. McGRATH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A return was received showing the re-opening and re-organization of Washington Chapter, No. 150, at Washington, Pa., on the 10th day of March, 1846.

A petition was received and read, signed by a number of Companions in Pittsburg, dated April 28, 1846, praying for a warrant for a Chapter to be held in Pittsburg, to be named Zerubbabel Chapter, for Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch; which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to grant a warrant as prayed for as soon as the Grand Officers shall have been satisfied that the petitioners have complied with the regulations of the Grand Chapter.

The following report was received, read and adopted, viz.:

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed at the Semi-annual Grand Communication, held November 15, 1846, to inquire and report who are entitled to membership, respectfully report that they have attended to that duty, and are of opinion that to entitle any Companion to membership in this M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter he must come under one or other of the following descriptions, to wit:

First. He must be a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Grand Lodge, a Mark and Most Excellent Master, a Past Master by election, and a contributing member of some subordinate Chapter; or,

Second. A High Priest, King or Scribe for the time being of some subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, a Mark Master and Most Excellent Master, and a Past Master by election; or,

Third. A Past High Priest of some subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction who is a Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, and a Past Master by election, and a member of some subordinate Chapter.

These qualifications of membership are so fully and clearly stated on pages 168 and 169 of the *Ahiman Rezon*, that your Committee have found it necessary to do little more than analyze

the First Article of the Constitution adopted on the 16th day of July, 1824.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) BAYSE NEWCOMB,
 SAMUEL H. PERKINS,
 ALEXANDER DIAMOND,
 WILLIAM WHITNEY,
Committee.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Grand Chapter be directed to notify Brothers R. E. W— and G. C— that in consequence of their having ceased to be members of any Blue Lodge for a longer period than six months, therefore, according to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, they have ceased to be members of Mark Lodge No. 91.

Resolved, That Mark Lodge No. 91 are hereby directed to hold an election to fill any vacancies that may occur in consequence of Brothers C— and W— having ceased to be members of said Mark Lodge, and that the Senior Warden be directed to notify the members of said Mark Lodge that such election will take place at the stated meeting in July next.

Companion John Thomson offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Grand Chapter be directed to pay the Grand Lodge one hundred dollars on account of Grand Chapter.

Companion Joseph H. Israel offered the following resolution, which was lost, viz.:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to ask the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to put the Grand Chapter room in order, by painting, repairing and carpeting.

MONDAY, November 16, 1846.

Companion WILLIAM BARGER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following communication was received, read and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act, viz.:

*To the Officers and Companions of the
Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

We, the undersigned, formerly members of Chapter No. 43, held at this place, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, do hereby represent that in consequence of not being able to form a quorum for the last two years, the Chapter No. 43 has ceased to work; and as there is now a prospect of reviving the Chapter with credit to the Order, we therefore pray the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter to grant us a dispensation to hold an election for officers, and will ever pray, &c. (Signed by R. Moderwell, Jos. Mosher, Philip Ritzell; George B. Kerfort, of Chapter No. 43; Horace Haldeman, of Chapter No. 3; and Robert Spear and Thomas Lloyd, Chapters not known.)

Communications were received from Grand Chapters of Tennessee, Virginia and Maine, and referred to Committee of Correspondence.

This being the evening set apart by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter for the election of officers, the following Companions were duly elected:

Comp. JOHN W. MCGRATH,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ JOHN J. KREIDER,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JAMES SIMPSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The following communication was received, and referred to a Committee:

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The petition of the undersigned Companion having been made in Columbia Chapter, No. 91, in this city, from which he resigned in good standing, as the records of said Chapter will show, respectfully represents that application was made by him sometime since to become a member of Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, in this city; that after a favorable report had upon his application he was balloted for and rejected; that your petitioner, considering that there were no reasons for such course on the part of any of the members of the said Mark Lodge, and conceiving that it may have a tendency to work seriously to his standing and reputation as a Mason, respectfully prays your honorable Chapter to restore him to that standing in the Order,

(in accordance with the rules laid down in the Ahiman Rezon,) and to which he believes himself justly entitled, and as in duty bound will ever pray. (Signed) G. H. O—.

I would also state that proper notice has been given of the appeal to the Mark Lodge in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon. G. H. O—.

Companions Diamond, Stewart and Gandy were appointed said Committee.

December 28, 1846.

Companion WILLIAM BARGER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of November 16 as relates to the election of officers being read, was approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion JOHN W. McGRAH was installed *M. E. Grand High Priest*.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—
Comp. JOHN J. KREIDER was installed *M. E. Grand King*.

“ JAMES SIMPSON, “ . *M. E. Grand Scribe*.

“ JOHN THOMSON, “ . *M. E. Grand Treasurer*.

“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, “ . *M. E. Grand Secretary*.

A petition for the revival of Mark Lodge No. 67, dated December 25, 1846, was received, signed by Brothers R. R. Moore, Harman Baugh, H. W. Workman, Jacob Gumble, Joseph H. Israel, Thos. E. Baxter and William E. Ewing; and recommended by Brothers James Simpson and W. W. Thomson, of Chapter No. 91, and E. P. Lescure, of Chapter No. 52.

When, on motion duly made, and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The following report of the Committee to whom was referred the appeal of G. H. O— from the action of Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, was received, read and approved:

Your Committee, having carefully examined the whole matter as far as practicable, are of the opinion that the members of any Mark Lodge or Chapter under this jurisdiction have a right granted to them by the Constitution, and sanctioned by the usages of the Order, to reject any application for membership or admission amongst them; but that right ought never to be

abused. So great a privilege should never be exercised to gratify a personal pique, when no good reason exists for such proceedings, and, in the opinion of your Committee, is inconsistent with the great principles of our Order and ought not to be approved by this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee have no desire to interfere with the rights or privileges of any of the members of Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, when exercised in the proper spirit. If any member of said Mark Lodge was in possession of information that would justify the vote of rejection, then it ought to have been made known to all the members; and if no such good reason existed, then the proceedings were wrong.

Your Committee, after due deliberation, have arrived at the following conclusion, to wit:

That Companion G. H. O—'s petition for membership in Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, was rejected without good or sufficient grounds to justify said proceedings, and that the rejection of Companion O— in no way affects his Masonic standing or reputation further than the prohibition of membership in that particular Mark Lodge, and that Companion O— is at liberty at any time to renew his petition to said Mark Lodge No. 91, (which your Committee have reason to believe would be attended with a favorable and happy result,) or to any other to which he might wish to attach himself.

Your Committee beg leave most respectfully to offer the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter the proceedings of Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, in rejecting the application of Companion G. H. O— for membership therein, in no way affects his standing and reputation as a Mason, inasmuch as no good reason exists to justify such rejection.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

ALEXANDER DIAMOND,

ENOS S. GANDY,

D. C. SKERRETT,

Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to announce the following appointments:

Comp. E. P. LESCURE,	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ ROBERT McCULLOCH,	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ THOMAS B. FLORENCE,	<i>Grand Master 3d Vail.</i>
“ DANIEL THOMPSON,	<i>Grand Master 2d Vail.</i>
“ JOSEPH H. ISRAEL,	<i>Grand Master 1st Vail.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER,	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ JOSEPH MYERS,	<i>Grand H. R. A. Captain.</i>
“ Rev. JOHN L. BURROWS,	
“ JOHN J. KERR,	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ WILLIAM COOPER,	
“ ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE,	
“ HARMAN BAUGH,	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
“ ENOS S. GANDY,	
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY,	
“ GEORGE D. HASWELL,	<i>Com. of Accounts.</i>
“ GEORGE THOMSON,	
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY,	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
“ GEORGE GRISCOM,	

Companion David C. Skerrett, High Priest elect of Chapter No. 3; Companion Abraham West, High Priest elect of Chapter No. 52; Companion Anthony Bournonville, High Priest elect of Chapter No. 91, being present, were duly installed as such.

January 15, 1847.

Companion JOHN W. MCGRATH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was received from Companions George H. Oliver, late Chapter No. 91; Joseph H. Israel, No. 91; Robrum R. Moore, No. 3; W. E. Ewing, No. 91; H. W. Workman, No. 91; Thomas E. Baxter, No. 91; Henry G. Smith, No. 52; Willard A. Shumway, No. 91; Edmund W. Roberts, No. 91; Daniel Thompson, No. 52, praying for a warrant for a new Mark Lodge, to be called Girard Mark Lodge No. —.

A communication was also received from Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, objecting to the establishing of a new Mark Lodge.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the applicants for a new warrant be granted.

On motion, the application for the revival of Concordia Mark Lodge, No. 67, was withdrawn.

May 17, 1847.

Companion JOHN W. MCGRATH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A petition was received from several Companions residing in Williamsport, Lycoming county, asking for the revival of Chapter No. 106, at that place. Referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

A communication was received from Companions Wm. B. Potts and J. Dobbins, asking for the revival of Chapter No. 159, at Pottsville. Referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act, provided said Chapter paid twenty-five dollars.

A communication was received from Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, charging Companion G. W. C—, their late Secretary, with unmasonic conduct in withholding the books and other property of said Mark Lodge, and refusing to deliver said property up after being repeatedly called upon to do so.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That Companion G. W. C— be and he is hereby cited to appear in person before this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter at an adjourned meeting to be held 31st inst., at 7 o'clock, then and there to answer the charges made against him by Columbia Mark Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary furnish him with a copy of this resolution, and of the communication and charge against him.

A petition was received from sundry Companions for a new Chapter in the city of Philadelphia.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it is inexpedient at this time to grant any new warrant for any new Chapter to meet within the city and county of Philadelphia.

Printed communications were received from Grand Chapters of Virginia and Connecticut. Referred to Committee of Correspondence.

It being stated that Chapter No. 150, held in the borough of Washington, Pa., had agreed at a stated meeting to celebrate the coming anniversary of St. John the Baptist with a public procession, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate to the Chapter at Washington that portion of the Rules and Regulations which prohibits all public parades as Arch Masons.

The Grand Treasurer was directed to pay one hundred dollars to the Grand Lodge.

The following amendment was offered by Companion John Thomson, and laid over:

On page 7, "Article Meetings," Regulations of the Grand Chapter, reads: "No business shall be entered upon at an extra meeting, but that for which the Grand Chapter have been specially summoned to consider." It is moved to amend by adding the words, "except by unanimous consent of the Grand Chapter."

May 31, 1847.

Companion JOHN W. McGRATH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, This Grand Chapter has received proof that Companion G. W. C—— had been furnished with a copy of the charges and complaints made against him by Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, and of the resolution of this Grand Chapter citing him to appear and answer this evening; and Companion C—— not appearing, and no excuse being offered, therefore, on motion,

Resolved, That Companion G. W. C—— be and he is hereby expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry for unmasonic conduct, and for contumacy in not answering the citation of this Grand Chapter.

J. T. R—— applied for admission as a visitor, and hailed from Chapter No. 2, New York.

The M. E. Grand High Priest objected to his being admitted, inasmuch as he and others were refused admission into the New York Chapters on account of this Grand Chapter not coming under the Grand Chapter of the United States.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Tyler be instructed to inform the Companion from New York, asking to visit, that he cannot be admitted this evening, as the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of New York do not admit our Companions to visit them.

November 15, 1847.

Companion JOHN W. MCGRATH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Grand Secretary read the following correspondence, which was ordered to be filed, to wit:

JOHN O. COLE,

M. E. Grand Secretary,

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of New York:

SIR AND COMPANION: In 1843 or 1844 a Companion attempted to visit a subordinate Chapter under your jurisdiction, in the city of New York, and was refused admission on the ground that our Grand Chapter does not recognize the Grand Chapter of the United States. At a late meeting of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, the Companion stated to the Grand Chapter that he had been refused admittance on this ground, and after some discussion it appeared to be the wish of the Companions to have this matter investigated. Therefore, I was desired to communicate with you in order to ascertain whether it is by the direction of the Grand Chapter of New York that the subordinate Chapters refuse to admit a visiting Companion from our Chapters.

I remain fraternally and truly your Companion,

WILLIAM H. ADAMS,

Philadelphia, June 18, 1847.

Grand Sec. G. C. of Pa.

ALBANY, June 25, 1847.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION: I have received your letter, dated the 18th inst., to-day, inquiring whether it is by the direction of the Grand Chapter of New York that members of subordinate Chapters in Pennsylvania have been interdicted from visiting the Chapters of this State. In reply, I have only to state that the subject has never been before the Grand Chapter of this State; consequently, no such direction has been given. I shall lay your communication before the Grand Chapter at its next meeting, which will be in February next. What may be the disposition made of the subject it is of course impossible to determine. It seems desirable that some mutual understanding should be had on the subject. Very respectfully, &c.,

J. C. COLE,

Grand Sec., G. C. of New York.

Mr. WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *Grand Sec. G. C. of Pa.*

The printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine were received, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The amendment to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter offered by Companion John Thomson at the Semi-annual Communication, May 17 last, was called up; and after being amended so as to read, "except by unanimous consent of the members present," was unanimously approved.

The following Companions were elected to the respective offices :

Comp. JOHN J. KREIDER,	·	·	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest,</i>
			(Comp. John W. McGrath declining a reëlection.)
" JAMES SIMPSON,	·	·	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" DAVID C. SKERRETT,	·	·	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	·	·	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	·	·	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

MONDAY, December 27, 1847.

Companion WILLIAM WHITNEY, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes as relates to the election of officers was read and approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion JOHN J. KREIDER was duly installed *M. E. Grand High Priest*.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—

Comp. JAMES SIMPSON was installed	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" DAVID C. SKERRETT, "	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON, "	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS, "	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The *M. E. Grand High Priest* was pleased to announce the following appointments :

Comp. E. P. LESCURE, .	·	·	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
" R. McCULLOCH, .	·	·	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
" J. A. PHILLIPS, .	·	·	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
" DANIEL THOMPSON, .	·	·	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
" THOMAS B. FLORENCE, .	·	·	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
" JOSEPH MYERS, .	·	·	<i>Grand H. R. A. Captain.</i>
" WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER, .	·	·	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Comp. Rev. JOHN L. BURROWS,	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ JOHN J. KERR,		
“ WILLIAM COOPER,	}	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
“ SAMUEL H. PERKINS,		
“ ROBERT FRAZER,	}	<i>Com. of Accounts.</i>
“ ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE,		
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY,	}	
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY,		
“ GEORGE W. HASWELL,	}	
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,		
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY,	}	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
“ GEORGE GRISCOM,		

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion George Griscom, High Priest elect of Chapter No. 52, and Companion Thomas Huston, High Priest of Chapter No. 106, about to be re-organized in Bradford county, were installed as High Priests of said Chapters.

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May 15, 1848.

Companion JOHN J. KREIDER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A petition, signed by several Mark Master Masons at Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pa., asking for a new warrant, was received; and, on motion, was granted.

An appeal from Companion W. M. M— from the action of Columbia Chapter, No. 91, was referred to a Committee to report at a future meeting.

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July 17, 1848.

Companion JOHN J. KREIDER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Grand High Priest stated that he had convened the Grand Chapter by request of the Committee on the appeal of Companion W. M. M—.

The following report was read:

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of W. M. M— from the decree of Columbia Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, beg leave to submit the following report:

The appeal in this case is from a decree of expulsion pronounced against the appellant by Columbia Holy Royal Arch

Chapter, No. 91, upon the report of a Committee of said Chapter, finding the said appellant guilty of the first and second of the following charges, viz.: That W. M. M—— has been guilty of unmasonic conduct. 1st. In telling Brother D—— the names of the Companions present on the night the vote was taken on his petition. 2d. In telling Brother D—— that I (W. W. T——) was one of the Companions that voted against him. 3d. In maliciously voting against Brother O——, as can be proved by his own admission. And the appellant asks of the Grand Chapter: 1st. The revocation of the vote whereby he was expelled from membership. 2d. That he should be restored to his former standing in the Order. Before entering into an investigation of the merits of the case, your Committee conceived it necessary to satisfy themselves of the power possessed by this Grand Chapter over expulsions by subordinate Chapters; and they have, upon deliberation, adopted the opinion that membership of a subordinate Chapter is only to be acquired by the free and unanimous consent of such Chapter, expressed through the ballot-box; that it is immaterial whether a Companion has never acquired such membership, or having acquired it, has lost it by resignation, suspension or expulsion; for, in either case, the Companion in fact not being a member, he can only acquire membership by the mode above pointed out. That in neither case has this Grand Chapter any power to grant such membership, either originally, or to restore it after it has been lost. Neither can it command it so to be done. That this is a boon not within its gift, in any case or under any circumstances. That to expel a Companion, it is necessary that the subordinate Chapter should adhere strictly to every form required by the rules of this Grand Chapter, which has a revisionary jurisdiction over all the proceedings of subordinate Chapters; and should it appear upon an appeal that there had been error, the Grand Chapter is bound to reverse such proceedings; and should this error appear upon an appeal such as the present, to declare, not that the Companion be restored to his membership, but that the proceedings having been illegal, that he still continues, and has never ceased to be, a member. That over the standing of a Companion in the Order, your Committee is of the opinion, the Grand Chapter has full power and jurisdiction, and may, therefore, restore him, after he has been ex-

elled, to the position of a Companion who has resigned from his Chapter.

These being the opinions of your Committee, it then became their duty to inquire :

- 1st. What are the requisites of a legal expulsion ?
- 2d. Have these requisites been complied with in the present case ?
- 3d. And if so, what are the merits of this case calling for a restitution of the appellant to good standing in the Order ?

As to the first branch of our inquiry, it is declared in the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, that no member of a subordinate Chapter shall be suspended or expelled but for an immoral or unmasonic offence; nor without due notice, in writing, being conveyed to him of the charges against him, and a reasonable time allowed him for rebutting them; nor without notice being given him of the time appointed for their consideration; nor at any other than a stated meeting.

From which your Committee gather that it is necessary :

- 1st. That the charges be for an immoral or unmasonic offence.
- 2d. That the accused have conveyed to him written notice of the charges, and be allowed a reasonable time for rebutting them.
- 3d. That he should have notice of the time appointed for their consideration; or, in other words, of the time appointed for his trial.

4th. That such trial should take place before the Chapter assembled, and not before a Committee, which latter your Committee conceives is merely intended for the purpose of arranging the testimony to be produced before the Chapter, and receiving the depositions of those witnesses who, not being Royal Arch Masons, could not be admitted at the trial. The members of the Chapter, in Chapter assembled, being the judges, the accused should not be deprived of his right of making his defence and producing his witnesses and depositions before the Chapter itself. He should therefore be specially notified, that at a certain meeting of the Chapter his case would be taken up and considered and his attendance required.

5th. That the vote of expulsion should be taken at a stated meeting.

It, however, appears from the minutes of Chapter No. 91, (now produced,) that of these requisites the two first only have

been complied with, viz., the charges were for an unmasonic offence, and the appellant had a written copy of them served upon him and sufficient time given for defence. But he was not informed at what meeting of the Chapter his case would be taken up, or, indeed, that it would be taken up at all by the Chapter. The trial did not take place before the Chapter, but before a Committee, upon whose report, in the absence of the accused, he not having been notified or called upon for his defence, the vote of his expulsion was taken. And, finally, this vote was taken, not at a stated, but at an adjourned meeting. Your Committee are, therefore, on a dispassionate consideration of the whole case, clearly and unanimously of opinion, that under the express provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter the proceedings of Chapter No. 91 were irregular, and, consequently, that they are in law null and void. Should the Grand Chapter, however, think otherwise, your Committee report, in reference to the merits of the case from the evidence shown to them, (and now produced to the Grand Chapter,) that Chapter No. 91 was justified in expelling the appellant from membership, the first and second charges having been freely admitted or proved before the Committee. Yet, as he has shown unequivocal signs of repentance, your Committee would recommend him to your mercy, and suggest that he be restored to his standing in the Order as a Royal Arch Mason, not a member of any Chapter. But your Committee, confident of being sustained in their first position, beg leave to offer the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the proceedings of Columbia Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, in the matter of the decree of expulsion pronounced against W. M. M—, having been irregular and informal, are hereby pronounced void and of no effect, and that the said W. M. M— be and hereby is declared never to have lost his membership in said Chapter by occasion of said decree, but still continues a member thereof.

(Signed)

GEORGE GRISCOM,

ROBERT FRAZER,

JOHN W. McGRAH,

Committee.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the report and resolution just offered lay upon the table.

November 20, 1848.

Companion JOHN J. KREIDER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received from a number of Companions, praying for a warrant for a Royal Arch Chapter, to be held at Lock Haven, Clinton county, Pa., to be called La Fayette Chapter, No. —.

Said communication being numerously recommended and appearing correct, it was, on motion duly made, and seconded, granted.

A communication was received and read from Chapter No. 159, at Pottsville, asking permission to meet six months alternately at Pottsville and Minersville; also, that they be permitted to alter their by-laws to conform with the same. On motion, the request was granted.

On motion, the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay over to the Grand Lodge two hundred dollars on account.

The following Companions were duly elected, as follows:

Companion J. J. Kreider, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, on account of his health, declined a reëlection.

Comp. JAMES SIMPSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ D. C. SKERRETT,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ E. P. LESCURE,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

On motion, the report of Committee on appeal of Companion W. W. M.— at last stated night of meeting was called up.

After a number of motions had been offered and considerable discussion, Companion John Thomson stated that the most speedy way of finally settling the matter was to refer to the *M. E. Grand High Priest* for his decision, the question whether an adjourned meeting was part and parcel of a stated meeting?

When the *M. E. Grand High Priest* decided as follows:

COMPANIONS: It is my opinion that such business as could not be completed at a stated meeting can be finished at an adjourned stated meeting, provided the meeting was adjourned for that purpose, and the business so adjourned not specially provided for in the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter. If an espe-

cial notice is required to any party of business about to be transacted at a stated meeting, then like notice must be given of the adjournment.

On motion, the report, excluding the resolution, was adopted.

December 27, 1848.

Companion JOHN J. KREIDER, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of November 20, 1848, as related to the election of officers were read and approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion JAMES SIMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest* elect, was duly installed as *Grand High Priest* of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Companions again entered, when—

Comp. D. C. SKERRETT	was duly installed	.	<i>Grand King.</i>
“ E. P. LESCURE,	“	.	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	“	.	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	“	.	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

The M. E. Grand High Priest then made the following appointments:

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Comp. S. MCKINLEY, for the counties of Alleghany and Washington.

“ R. MODERWELL,	for the counties of Lancaster and Dauphin.		
“ WILLIAM B. POTTS,	for the counties of Schuylkill and Berks.		
“ PHILIP KREBBS,	for the counties of Clinton, Lycoming and Bradford.		
“ A. BOURNONVILLE,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ THOMAS B. FLORENCE,	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ JOSEPH MYERS,	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ DANIEL THOMSON,	.	.	<i>Grand Master 3d Vail.</i>
“ M. BOUVIER,	.	.	<i>Grand Master 2d Vail.</i>
“ J. A. PHILLIPS,	.	.	<i>Grand Master 1st Vail.</i>
“ ROBERT McCULLOCH,	.	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER,	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Comp. Rev. J. J. KERR,	.	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ WILLIAM COOPER,	.		
“ S. HIGGINS,	.		
“ H. W. DUCACHET,	.		
“ J. H. ISRAEL,	.	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
“ J. B. VAN OSTEN,	.		
“ ABRAHAM WEST,	.		
“ SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	.		
“ ROBERT FRAZER,	.	}	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
“ GEORGE D. HASWELL,	.		
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.		
“ J. W. MCGRATH,	.		
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY,	.	}	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
“ J. S. RILEY,	.		
“ HARMAN BAUGH,	.		
“ ALEXANDER DIAMOND,	.		

The Grand Secretary stated that when Zerubbabel Mark Lodge ceased, it appeared Brother H. N. E—— owed four dollars. This, he says, is an error, and that two dollars was all that he was in debt to the Lodge, which sum he is willing to pay.

An application for a new warrant at Brownsville was read and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

An application for a new warrant at Uniontown, Fayette county, was read and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

An application for a new warrant at Gaysport, Blair county, was also read and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Frederick Shultz, High Priest elect of Chapter No. 3; George D. Patton, High Priest elect of Chapter No. 52, and George Thomson, High Priest elect of Chapter No. 91, were separately and severally installed High Priests of said Chapter in the presence of High Priests only.

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January 29, 1849.

Companion JAMES SIMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had convened the Grand Chapter for the purpose of conferring the degree of High Priest on several Companions who are High Priests and have been installed, but who have never received the degree.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companions George Griscom, Jos. H. Israel, Frederick Shultz and George Thomson were severally and separately introduced, and received the degree of High Priest.

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April 2, 1849.

Companion JAMES SIMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had called the Grand Chapter together for the purpose of laying before them an application which he had received for a new warrant in Texas, and a number of communications relative thereto.

The following resolution, after considerable discussion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the whole subject-matter be referred to a special Committee of five.

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May 21, 1849.

Companion JAMES SIMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that the applications for new warrants which had been referred to the Grand Officers had been granted.

An application from several Companions for a Chapter at Bridgewater, Beaver county, was received, read and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The Committee on the Texas application for a new warrant reported (verbally) progress, and were continued.

On motion, a Committee of three were appointed to procure regalia for the Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal. Companions D. C. Skerrett, E. P. Lescure and W. H. Adams, Committee.

All the Companions who had not received the degree of High Priest withdrew; when Companion George D. Patton, the High Priest elect of Harmony Chapter, No. 52, had that degree conferred upon him, and was installed High Priest of said Chapter.

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November 19, 1849.

Companion JAMES SIMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was received from a number of Companions in

Waynesburg, Green county, petitioning for a new Chapter; which, on motion duly made, and seconded, was granted.

The Committee on Regalia reported to have performed their duty in part, and had procured two collars and two aprons and one mitre, and were continued to procure a crown.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Grand Chapter be authorized to have two hundred copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter printed for the use of the Grand Chapter.

The following report was received and read; and, on motion duly made, and seconded, the report was accepted, and the Committee discharged, viz.:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the petition of sundry Companions residing in the State of Texas for a warrant to enable them to open a Chapter of Companion Holy Royal Arch Masons, respectfully report that, in pursuance of and shortly after their appointment, they met and examined the communications submitted to them, and finding them insufficient in substance and unsatisfactory in their source, your Committee, on the 21st day of May last, addressed a letter and such interrogatories as they deemed necessary and expedient to the late Grand Officers of the late Grand Chapter of Texas, under cover, to Companion Laird M. H. Butler, recommender of said petition; as also a letter and interrogatories to the San Felipe de Austin Chapter of Texas, working under a warrant from the General Grand Chapter of the United States; to which letters and interrogatories your Committee have received no reply, although a period of nearly six months has elapsed since they were sent, amply sufficient for that purpose had the Companions to whom they were addressed desired to reply.

Your Committee, therefore, unable to proceed further in the matter, beg leave to be discharged.

(Signed)

ALEXANDER DIAMOND,
GEORGE GRISCOM,
A. BOURNONVILLE,
ROBERT FRAZER,
Committee.

The following Companions were duly elected to their respective offices:

Comp. D. C. SKERRETT,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ E. P. LESCURE,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ A. BOURNONVILLE,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 27, 1849.

Companion JAMES SIMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of the Semi-annual Communication, November 19, 1849, as related to the election of officers were read and approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion DAVID C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest* elect, was duly installed *M. E. Grand High Priest* of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Companions who had retired reentered, when—

Comp. E. P. LESCURE was installed	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ A. BOURNONVILLE,	“	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	“	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	“	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The M. E. Grand High Priest then announced the following appointments, to wit:

Comp. ROBERT FRAZER,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ D. THOMPSON,	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ JOSEPH MEYERS,	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ J. A. PHILLIPS,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
“ GEORGE THOMSON,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
“ W. S. SHULTZ,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
“ WASHINGTON RICHARDS,	.	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER,	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ Rev. H. W. DUCACHET,	.	.	
“ E. S. ELY,	.	.	
“ WILLIAM COOPER,	.	.	
“ J. J. KERR,	.	.	

} *Grand Chaplains.*

Comp. J. B. VAN OSTEN,	.	} <i>Grand Stewards.</i>
“ ABRAHAM WEST,	.	
“ W. W. THOMPSON,	.	} <i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
“ W. H. KLAPP,	.	
“ E. R. JONES,	.	} <i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
“ H. W. WORKMAN,	.	
“ W. H. ADAMS,	.	} <i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
“ J. W. McGRATH,	.	
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY,	.	} <i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
“ ALEXANDER DIAMOND,	.	
“ J. S. RILEY,	.	} <i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
“ J. SIMPSON,	.	

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

- “ S. MCKINLEY, for the counties of Alleghany, Washington, Beaver, Fayette, Green and Blair.
- “ ROBERT MODERWELL, for the counties of Lancaster and Dauphin.
- “ JOSEPH L. STICHTER, of Reading, for the counties of Berks and Schuylkill.
- “ PHILIP KREBBS, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton and Lycoming.

A return was received showing the organization of Chapter No. 168, on December 20, 1849, at Waynesburg, Green county.

The Grand Secretary stated that the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter were not yet printed; that upon examination he had discovered the last edition omitted the Secretary's compensation, and respectfully requested the M. E. Grand High Priest to appoint a Committee to examine into the matter.

Companions John Thomson, Robert Frazer, with the Grand Secretary, were appointed the Committee.

January 7, 1850.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had convened the Chapter for the purpose of installing and conferring the degree of High Priest on the High Priests elect of Chapters Nos. 3, 52, 91, and upon any other Companion wishing the degree.

None but Past High Priests being present, the following-named Companions were separately and duly installed, viz.:

Companion John C. Smith of Chapter No. 3, Companion E. R. Jones of Chapter No. 52, and Companion W. W. Thompson of Chapter No. 91.

The degree of High Priest was then conferred upon Companions John C. Smith, E. R. Jones, W. W. Thompson and Henry E. Wentz, of No. 43, Lancaster.

March 18, 1850.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that the Grand Chapter had been convened for the purpose of taking into consideration an application for a new Chapter, to be located in the city of Philadelphia.

The Grand Secretary then read an application from Companions John S. Hart and others, with a number of Companions recommending, asking for a new warrant for a Chapter to be called "Philadelphia," and located in the city of Philadelphia, naming Companion John S. Hart as First High Priest, Anthony E. Stocker as First King, and Companion George H. Hart as First Scribe.

When, on motion duly made, and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

A doubt was started by Past Grand High Priest Companion B. Newcomb as to the constitutionality of the following rule: "No business shall be entered upon at an extra meeting but that for which the Grand Chapter shall have been specially summoned to consider, except by the unanimous consent of the members present," which was presented by Companion John Thomson, May 17, 1847, and adopted November 17, 1847. It was agreed to refer the question to Past Grand High Priests B. Newcomb, Samuel H. Perkins and J. R. Chandler.

April 19, 1850.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Grand High Priest having stated the object of the meeting, the Grand Secretary read the following communication, viz.:

*To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:*

The petition of Companions John S. Hart, Joshua Mitchell, M. S. Wickersham, P. B. O'Niel, A. E. Stocker, Robert P. King, Marmel Eyre, Samnel B. Ashmead, Francis A. Bregy, Coleman Fisher, Jr., and George H. Hart, respectfully sheweth, that at a special Grand Communication of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, held the 18th day of March, A. D. 1850, A. L. 5850, a warrant was granted to your petitioners to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of which A. E. Stocker was nominated to be the First King. That the said A. E. Stocker declines to serve.

Your petitioners therefore nominate Companion Joshua Mitchell to be the First King of said Chapter, and ask that the nomination may be confirmed by the M. E. Grand Chapter, and the said Joshua Mitchell be substituted in the place of Companion A. E. Stocker, declining as aforesaid. And as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

(Signed by)

Comp. JOHN S. HART,	Comp. W. S. WICKERSHAM,
“ JOSHUA MITCHELL,	“ P. B. O'NIEL,
“ A. E. STOCKER,	“ GEORGE H. HART,
“ F. A. BREGY,	“ C. FISHER, JR.,
“ ROBERT P. KING,	“ SAMUEL B. ASHMEAD.
“ MARMEL EYRE,	

Philadelphia, April 18, 1850, A. L. 5850.

On motion duly made, and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

May 18, 1850.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had convened the present meeting for the purpose of constituting the new Chapter, and installing the officers of said Chapter No. 169.

It being announced that the members of the new Chapter were in waiting, the M. E. Grand High Priest directed the Grand Marshal to conduct them into the room; upon which they were admitted and presented to the M. E. Grand High Priest.

All but Past High Priests having withdrawn, Companion John S. Hart, the M. E. Grand High Priest of Philadelphia Chapter, No. 169, was duly installed, and had the degree of High Priest conferred upon him.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when Companion Joshua Mitchell was duly installed King, and Companion George H. Hart Scribe. The Grand Secretary read the warrant. The Grand Marshal then proclaimed Philadelphia Chapter, No. 169, duly constituted this 18th day of May, 1850.

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May 20, 1850.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received and read from a number of Companions, petitioning for a new warrant at Erie, Pa., and naming Companion William Flint for the First High Priest, James C. Marshall for the First King, and George Loomis to be the First Scribe.

On motion, the foregoing petition was referred to a special Committee of three; and the M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to name Companions Frazer, Simpson and McCulloch said Committee.

A communication was received from Brother Solin Chapin and others, at Easton, Pa., petitioning for the revival of Mark Lodge No. 212, at Easton, Pa.

On motion, the foregoing was also referred to Companions Frazer, Simpson and McCulloch.

The following report was received and adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging :

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the fees of the Grand Secretary for the meetings of the Grand Chapter, respectfully report, that having examined the minutes and the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, they find in the Thirteenth Article of said Rules and Regulations as spread upon the minutes and in the copies printed in the year 1824, the following clauses :

“The Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter shall receive from the Grand Chapter for each stated meeting \$6 00
“For each adjourned extra meeting . . . 3 00”

That in the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, held Monday, May 21, A. D. 1838, appears the following entry, viz.:

“On motion made, and seconded, it was *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have two hundred and fifty copies of the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter printed.”

And it further appears by the minutes, that at the semi-annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, held Monday, November 19, 1838, Companion Manning’s bill for printing two hundred and fifty copies Rules and Regulations of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter was read, and ordered to be paid. That in this edition of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, which is now in use, the clauses above set forth fixing the fees to be paid the Grand Secretary for the meetings of the Grand Chapter have been omitted. And as your Committee can find no authority for such omission they are of the opinion that it has been an oversight on the part of the Grand Secretary, or of the printer, or of both. That the said clauses have never been repealed, and consequently, that the Grand Secretary is entitled to the fees therein specified.

(Signed by the Committee.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That the fees, as reported by the Committee, be ordered to be paid to the Grand Secretary.

The following communication was read, viz.:

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,
and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:*

COMPANIONS: The petition of the undersigned respectfully sets forth that he is a member in good standing of Columbia Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, and that he has been such since the year 1846; that at the election held in said Chapter on December 19, 1849, there were eighteen votes cast for Scribe of said Chapter, fourteen of which were for him, and four for others, leaving him a clear majority of ten votes, and that he was declared to be duly elected Scribe for the present Masonic year by the High Priest of said Chapter, to which no objection was interposed; but that at the stated meeting of said Chapter, held in January last, when about to be installed into the office to which he had been elected, one of the Companions objected to his installation upon the ground that he could not hold the office in consequence of his not being a “Past Master by election,” and

cited the First Article of the Constitution of your honorable body (see page 168 of the Ahiman Rezon) in support of said opinion; whereupon, on motion duly seconded and carried, a Committee of three were appointed to inquire into the validity of his election to the said office of Scribe, and at the meeting of said Chapter held May 15, the Committee reported that your petitioner could not hold the office, or words to that effect, which report was adopted by the said Chapter. Now, in the judgment of your petitioner, the Article of your Constitution on which the said decision is based has reference only as to who are members of your honorable body, and has no bearing whatever upon the eligibility of a Companion to an elective office in a subordinate Chapter, and in proof of this position he would respectfully refer your honorable body to the cases of Companions R. Frazer of Chapter No. 152, B. S. Riley of No. 52, G. B. Kerfoot of No. 43, and E. R. Jones of No. 52, all of whom, with many others, have been elected to and served as Scribe or King of their respective Chapters without being Past Masters by election, and one of them at least (B. S. Riley, formerly of Chapter No. 52) is now a Past High Priest without being so qualified; and as these have been recognized by you, your petitioner feels aggrieved at the decision of Chapter No. 91. He would, therefore, (having notified said Chapter of his intention,) pray an investigation into the merits of the case; and if found *not* to be in violation of the ancient landmarks, that Columbia Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91, be directed by your honorable body to place him in possession of his rights by installing him into the office of Scribe of said Chapter for the present Masonic year; and, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

(Signed)

J. A. S—.

Philadelphia, May 17, 1850.

The following resolution was offered, viz.:

Resolved, That Chapter No. 91 be instructed to install Companion J. A. S— as Scribe of said Chapter.

The following amendment was offered:

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred to the same Committee of Past Grand High Priests who reported, who are members of the Grand Chapter.

After considerable discussion the following was *carried*, viz.: *Resolved*, That the consideration of the whole subject-matter be indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the following was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a Committee of five members be appointed to revise the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, whose duty it shall be to report such alterations and amendments therein as they may deem for the good of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Pennsylvania.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Companions B. Newcomb, Samuel H. Perkins, Alexander Diamond, John Thomson and Robert Frazer said Committee.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to procure a new set of regalia for the Grand Chapter. Companions Frazer, Lescure and Phillips, Committee.

October 23, 1850.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Grand High Priest stated that he had convened the Grand Chapter on the application of a number of brethren, members of Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, in relation to the Mark work, &c.; when the Grand Secretary read the following communication:

PHILADELPHIA, October 15, 1850.

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents, that they constitute a Committee appointed by the Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, to confer with the Committee on Landmarks of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, as to the proper mode of work, forms and ceremonies to be used in conferring the degree of Mark Master Mason.

That the Committee find, upon inquiry, that no such Committee exists in the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Wherefore, your petitioners, as per resolution adopted by the Committee, do now most respectfully pray the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania to grant us the said instruction as to the proper mode of work, forms and ceremonies

to be used in conferring the degree of Mark Master Mason. And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

(Signed) H. WEIR WORKMAN, *W. M.*,
 A. E. STOCKER, *S. W.*,
 HARMAN BAUGH,
 GEORGE H. OLIVER.

On motion, referred to a Committee consisting of Past Grand High Priests, to take the whole subject into consideration and to report to the Grand Chapter.

On motion, the present Grand High Priest was added to the Committee.

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November 18, 1850.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations for the election of officers, the following Companions were duly elected:

Comp. D. C. SKERRETT,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ E. P. LESCURE,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ A. BOURNONVILLE,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The Committee on the Mark Work reported verbally through Companion William Whitney. This report went to show that the mode of work practiced by the Mark Lodges is correct, and recommended a strict and close adherence to the old forms; which was unanimously adopted.

The following, offered by Companion Bayse Newcomb, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand High Priests and other elective Grand Officers be and they are hereby requested to visit the Mark Lodges under this jurisdiction, personally, or by qualified substitutes to be appointed by them, and instruct them on the mode of work.

A communication was read from Chapter No. 159, asking that the meetings of said Chapter be held altogether in Minersville, they being now held alternately in Pottsville and Minersville; said request was made on account of the non-attendance of the Companions in Pottsville.

On motion, the communication was laid on the table for the present.

Committee on Rules and Regulations reported (verbally) progress, and were continued.

The Committee to whom were referred the applications for a warrant for a Chapter to be held at Erie, and for the revival of Mark Lodge No. 212, late of Easton, report that the applications from the Companions of Erie are unaccompanied by the recommendations required by the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter; that no certificates or other evidence have been furnished that the applicants are in good standing with the Craft and not now members of some Chapter, and that they ask for authority to confer the Past Master's degree. That the application of the brethren from Easton for the revival of Mark Lodge No. 212 is also unaccompanied by recommendations, or by certificates or other evidence of good standing; and further, that there has been no return from the said Mark Lodge since the year 1841, nor has its warrant, books, moneys or furniture been returned to this Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT FRAZER,
ROBERT McCULLOCH,
JAMES SIMPSON.

December 27, 1851.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of semi-annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, held November 18, 1851, as related to the election of officers were read and approved.

Those present who were not Past High Priests retired, when Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *Grand High Priest* elect, was installed in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The Companions who had retired reentered, when—

Comp. E. P. LESCURE was installed	.	<i>M. E. Grand King,</i>
“ A. BOURNONVILLE, “	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe,</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, “	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer,</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, “	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary,</i>

And having separately received the accustomed salutations of the Companions, took their respective stations.

All but Past High Priests having again retired, the M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to confer the degree of High Priest upon Companion Samuel McKinley, of Pittsburg, a Past High Priest of Chapter No. 162.

He was also pleased to install the following Companions, and confer the degree of Past High Priest upon them, viz.: The High Priest elect of Jerusalem Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, Companion Robert McCulloch; the High Priest elect of Harmony, No. 52, Companion William S. Shultz; the High Priest elect of Philadelphia, No. 169, Companion George H. Hart.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was then pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Comp. SAMUEL MCKINLEY, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Washington, Beaver, Fayette, Green and Blair.

- “ ROBERT MODERWELL, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster and Dauphin.
- “ JOSEPH L. STICHTER, of Reading, for the counties of Berks and Schuylkill.
- “ PHILIP KREBBS, of Williamsport, for the counties of Clinton and Lycoming.
- “ ROBERT FRAZER, . . . *Grand Captain of the Host.*
- “ GEORGE THOMSON, . . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
- “ G. P. CUMMINGS, . . . *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
- “ GEORGE GRISCOM, . . . *1st Grand Captain 3d Vail.*
- “ E. H. BUTLER, . . . *2d Grand Captain 2d Vail.*
- “ C. C. WILLIAMS, . . . *3d Grand Captain 1st Vail.*
- “ Rev. KINGSTON GODDARD, . *Grand Chaplain.*
- “ ROBERT McCULLOCH, . . . *Grand Marshal.*
- “ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER, . *Grand Tyler.*
- “ J. B. VAN OSTEN, . . . *Grand Stewards.*
- “ ABRAHAM WEST, . . . *Grand Stewards.*
- “ W. W. THOMSON, . . . *Grand Stewards.*
- “ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, . . . *Com. on By-Laws.*
- “ JOHN W. MCGRATH, . . . *Com. on By-Laws.*
- “ WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . . *Com. on By-Laws.*

Com. ALEXANDER DIAMOND, . . .	}	<i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .		
“ J. SIMPSON, . . .		

A petition was received from a number of Companions asking for a warrant to hold a Chapter in New Castle, Lawrence county, Pa.; which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers.

May 19, 1851.

Companion DAVID C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Applications were received and read from Companions residing in Meadville, Crawford county; Mansfield, Tioga county, and Chambersburg, Franklin county, asking for warrants to hold Chapters, &c., in said places; which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

An application was also received from a number of brethren residing in Kittanning, Armstrong county, asking for a warrant to hold a Mark Masters' Lodge; which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had received the furniture and books of Kensington Mark Lodge, No. 211.

The following report was read and adopted. The alterations contained therein were ordered to lay over until the next Semi-annual Communication, and the Grand Secretary was directed to have the matter printed and sent with the notices for meeting of Grand Chapter:

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, and the
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania:*

The undersigned, surviving members of the Committee appointed to revise the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, respectfully report the following alterations and amendments, to wit:

That in place of the First Article of the Constitution the following shall be substituted:

ARTICLE 1. The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall be composed of the Past M. E. Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter; of the M. E. High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being of all warranted and constituted Royal Arch Chapters

under this jurisdiction; of the Past M. E. High Priests of such Chapters continuing members thereof, and of all the present members of the Grand Chapter who are members thereof in consequence of their being members of the Grand Lodge: *Provided*, That no Companion shall be a member of this Grand Chapter who has not passed the chair in some duly warranted Lodge by election or dispensation, and is not a Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Mason; nor shall any Companion be a member by virtue of his becoming a member of the Grand Lodge after the adoption of this amendment and alteration.

And they further report the following alteration and amendment in the Second Article of the Constitution, viz.:

Strike out the words, "semi-annual meetings on the third Monday in May and November," and insert the words, "quarterly meetings on the third Monday of February, May, August and November."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

BAYSE NEWCOMB,
SAMUEL H. PERKINS,
ROBERT FRAZER,
JOHN THOMSON.

Philadelphia, May 19, 1851.

The communication from the Minersville Chapter, presented and read November 18, 1850, was called up; and, on motion duly made, and seconded, permission was given to said Chapter No. 159 to hold her meetings altogether in Minersville, and not, as heretofore, alternately at Pottsville and Minersville.

October 2, 1851.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that the Grand Chapter had been convened for the purpose of hearing and taking action upon the report of the chairman of the Committee on Royal Arch Work; an appeal of Mr. Q—— from action of Chapter No. 162, at Pittsburg; and to act on an application for a warrant at Bridgeton, New Jersey.

An application for a warrant for a Royal Arch Chapter at

Bridgeton, New Jersey, was read; and, on motion duly made, and seconded, was referred to the Grand Officers, to report to the Grand Chapter.

A communication was received and read from Brother W. Q_____, of Pittsburg, wherein he stated that he had applied to Chapter No. 162, at Pittsburg, for exaltation and membership, and that he had been twice rejected; also asking the Grand Chapter to have his case investigated. On motion, the whole subject was referred to a Committee of three, consisting of Companions A. E. Stocker, J. A. Phillips and Robert Frazer.

Companion Bayse Newcomb having made a verbal report on the work of Royal Arch Masonry, it was, on motion duly made, and seconded,

Resolved, That the work as exemplified by Past Grand High Priest Companion Bayse Newcomb be adopted as the — work of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

On motion duly made, and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest, accompanied by his Officers, be requested to visit the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of exemplifying the Chapter work as adopted this evening.

November 17, 1851.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 168, at Waynesburg, stating that they had changed the name of said Chapter to Waynesburg Chapter, instead of Alfred Creigh Chapter.

The report of the Committee on the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter was called up; when, after considerable discussion, the alterations were declared adopted as they were reported by the Committee at the last Semi-annual Communication of the Grand Chapter.

This being the evening set apart for the election of officers, Companion D. C. Skerrett, M. E. Grand High Priest, declined a reëlection, when the following Companions were declared duly elected:

Comp. E. P. LESCURE,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ A. BOURNONVILLE,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ ROBERT FRAZER,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 27, 1851.

Companion D. C. SKERRETT, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of November 17 as relates to the election of officers were read and approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion E. P. LESCURE was installed *M. E. Grand High Priest*.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—

Comp. A. BOURNONVILLE was installed	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ ROBERT FRAZER, “	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, “	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, “	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The M. E. Grand High Priest, after a short but very appropriate address, made the following appointments, viz.:

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Comp. JAMES S. HOON, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Beaver, Lawrence and Armstrong.	
“ C. P. GUMMERT, of Brownsville, for the counties of Fayette, Greene and Washington.	
“ R. W. MODERWELL, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster and Dauphin.	
“ JOSEPH L. STICHTER, of Reading, for the county of Berks.	
“ WILLIAM B. POTTS, of Pottsville, for the county of Schuylkill.	
“ PHILIP KREBBS, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton and Lycoming.	
“ JOHN C. SMITH,	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ DANIEL THOMPSON,	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ G. P. CUMMINGS,	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ A. E. STOCKER,	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
“ C. C. WILLIAMS,	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
“ WILLIAM S. SHULTZ,	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>

Comp. WASHINGTON RICHARDS,	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER,	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ Rev. H. W. DUCACHET,	
“ “ E. S. ELY, . .	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ “ KINGSTON GODDARD,	
“ ABRAHAM WEST, . .	
“ W. W. THOMSON, . .	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
“ GEORGE H. HART, . .	
“ WILLIAM H. KLAPP, . .	
“ E. P. JONES, . .	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
“ H. WEIR WORKMAN, . .	
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY, . .	
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, . .	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
“ D. C. SKERRETT, . .	
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . .	
“ JAMES KELLY, . .	<i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
“ HARMAN BAUGH, . .	

All but Past High Priests and those who had not the degree of Past High Priest retired, when Companion John Thornley, High Priest elect of Harmony Chapter, No. 52; Companion Anthony E. Stocker, High Priest of Philadelphia Chapter, No. 169, and Companion John Alexander Simpson, of Columbia Chapter, No. 91, were separately and severally installed High Priests, and had the degree connected therewith conferred upon them.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the warm thanks of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter be and they are hereby given to M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion David C. Skerrett for the efficient, impartial and satisfactory manner in which he has administered the duties of the exalted station of Grand High Priest during the past Masonic year.

Resolved, That on his retirement from office the Companions of this Grand Chapter unanimously tender to Companion David C. Skerrett their cordial good feelings and sincere prayers for his continued health and happiness throughout a prosperous life, and when to him the end of time shall come, that he may enjoy everlasting blessedness in that Grand Chapter above where presides the Grand Master of all our motives and Author of all our blessings.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be prepared and

appropriately framed, and presented by the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter to Companion David C. Skerrett.

February 16, 1852.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made a statement to the Grand Chapter, viz.: That application was made, at the semi-annual meeting in November last, by several Royal Arch Masons residing in Bridgeton, New Jersey, for a warrant to open a Chapter at that place, which application was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act. No action was had thereon during the past year, in consequence of the absence of requisite information. The matter, therefore, passed into the hands of the present Grand Officers, who, after due consultation, came to the conclusion that it would be inexpedient to grant the same.

The following report was read and adopted, viz.:

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother W. Q.— from the action of Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162, at Pittsburg, beg leave to report, that it is a subject of regret to your Committee to witness the frequent appeals from subordinate Chapters soliciting on the part of the Grand Chapter reviews of decisions made in the former.

More especially is this course to be regretted when, as in the case before them, the right of a Companion and the liberty of the ballot-box are to be vindicated. The ballot-box, be it ever remembered, is the bulwark of the Order, and its inviolability should be at all times positive and unquestioned.

Your Committee, further, are disinclined, in any instance, to accord a new ballot, unless the most clear and satisfactory proof can be offered that injustice has been done to an applicant.

There may be cases (of which one at least is known to your Committee) where, to all outward appearances, the applicant may be of unblemished character; nevertheless there may be one Companion in the Chapter into which the applicant seeks admission to whom his character may be otherwise known. He may even have been grievously wronged by the applicant, but at the same time may be willing to forget his injuries, and not expose to the public gaze his brother in his true character; but yet he feels that it would be impossible for him to associate in perfect harmony

with the applicant for admission into the same Chapter of which he is already a member. In such a case a Companion is not only justified in casting a negative ballot, but he performs his duty to his Companions and the Order by refusing admission to the higher degrees one who was, in all probability, unworthy of admission into the lowest degree of the Order.

Under such circumstances, to grant a new ballot in the same Chapter is either to coerce the Companion who has cast a regular vote into unanimity and compliance, or else to oblige him to absent himself from the society of those with whom he had a prior right of association.

The ancient Constitutions were explicit upon this point. In the Seventh Section of the General Regulations of the Order (page 31 *Ahiman Rezon*, edition of 1783) we read as follows: "Nor shall any person be made or admitted a member of a Lodge without being proposed one month before, that due notice may be given to all its members to make the necessary inquiries into the candidate's character, and that there may be such unanimity in the election and admission of members as the laws require; nor can there be any dispensation in this case, because unanimity is essential to the being of any Lodge, and its own members are the best judges in this matter; for if it were allowed that any foreign or even superior jurisdiction might impose a fractious or disagreeable member upon them, it might destroy their harmony, and would intrench upon their liberty, to the great injury if not the total dissolution of such Lodge."

Such are the views of your Committee upon the subject of rejections, but from such examinations of the circumstances attendant upon the present case as your Committee have been able to make, they are not aware that the applicant in the case before them has been charged with any offence, or that any reason has been assigned by the dissenting Companion for having rejected him, nor do your Committee admit the right of calling said Companion to account for his action in the premises; but inasmuch as many testimonials have been offered in proof of the good character of the applicant, and the members of a neighboring Chapter, to whom he has been long and familiarly known, have expressed a desire to associate him with them, your Committee are disposed to recommend to the Grand Chapter that the disabilities under which Brother W. Q.— now labors be removed.

Nevertheless it does not seem judicious to your Committee that the right of the Companion who cast a negative ballot should be entirely disregarded, but that entire harmony and unanimity should be solicited and upheld in every Chapter, wherefore they do not recommend that Brother Q—— should apply to the Chapter from which he has already been rejected, but that, if desirous so to do, he be allowed to participate in the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry by being exalted in some other Chapter under this jurisdiction.

Accordingly your Committee conclude with offering the following, viz.:

Resolved, That Brother W. Q—— be and he is hereby authorized to apply for exaltation and membership to any Chapter under this jurisdiction, and permission is hereby given to any such Chapter to confer the degrees of Mark and Most Excellent Master upon and to exalt the said Brother W. Q—— to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry without having previously obtained the consent of said Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162, at Pittsburg.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

ANTHONY E. STOCKER,

J. A. PHILLIPS,

ROBERT FRAZER,

Committee.

Philadelphia, February 16, 1852.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the amendment to so much of Article First of the Constitution as relates to the qualifications of membership as recorded on the minutes as having been carried, but yet was not carried by the constitutional majority of a two-third vote; therefore,

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Chapter, that the said amendment was not carried, and therefore is not the law of the Grand Chapter.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter was then offered:

ARTICLE I. The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall be composed of Past M. E. Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter; of the M. E. High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the

time being of all warranted and constituted Royal Arch Chapters under this jurisdiction; of the Past M. E. High Priests of such Chapters continuing members thereof, and of all the present members of the Grand Chapter who are members thereof in consequence of their being members of the Grand Lodge; *Provided*, That no Companion shall be a member of this Grand Chapter who has not passed the chair, in some duly warranted Lodge, by election or dispensation, and is not a Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Mason. Nor shall any Companion be a member by virtue of his becoming a member of the Grand Lodge, after the adoption of this amendment and alteration. Nor shall any Companion be eligible to the office of M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe of this Grand Chapter, who has not passed the chair of a Blue Lodge by election, and who has not served a regular time as High Priest in some subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction.

The following resolution was offered, and lost:

Resolved, That the work be altered back to the old mode, as practiced in the Chapters prior to the alteration in October last.

May 17, 1852.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Grand High Priest made quite a lengthy report on his visits to the Chapters in Philadelphia for the exemplification of the work, during which he had sequestered the warrant of Columbia Chapter, No. 91.

After some discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the warrant of Columbia Chapter, No. 91, be restored, and she reinstated in all her rights and privileges.

June 21, 1852.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following paper was read; and, on motion, referred to a special Committee of three:

“Stated meeting of Washington Chapter, No. 150, Royal Arch Masons, held at the Masonic Temple, February 3, 1852.

The High Priest informed the Chapter that, on the 29th of January last, he summoned Companion B—— to appear at this meeting of the Chapter to answer the following complaints against him, and show cause why he should not be suspended or expelled for unmasonic conduct, to wit:

1st. For black-balling Brother W——, a worthy Brother applying for the Chapter degrees.

2d. For intrigue and corruption in afterwards proposing to Brother W——, if he would let Mr. S—— come into the Blue Lodge, he W—— could get into the Chapter.

3d. For disorderly conduct at the last regular meeting of this Chapter; disturbing the peace and harmony thereof; using profane language to the Companions present, and insubordination in refusing to recognize the authority of the High Priest in calling him to order in open Chapter.

On motion duly made, and seconded, the whole was referred to a Committee of three, viz.: Companions P——, D—— and K——, with instructions to investigate the complaint against Companion B——, as well as certain complaints intimated by Companion B—— against the High Priest, and report the whole to the next meeting of the Chapter.

Stated meeting, March 2, 1852. In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, the Committee met February 14, 1852, having notified Companion B—— and summoned several witnesses, who were present. Companion B—— being present, was called upon to admit or deny the charges against him. Whereupon, he mainly admitted the first and third charges, but mainly denied the second charge. After which we proceeded to examine a number of witnesses on matters denied by Companion B——; and after fully investigating the whole case, your Committee respectfully report that the charges against Brother B—— are fully sustained.

Your Committee further beg leave to report, that they have examined the complaints presented by Companion B—— against the M. E. High Priest, and find that they relate mainly to decisions made by the High Priest while in the discharge of the duties of his office; and so far as they relate to him in this capacity, we believe the decisions referred to, to be correct, and we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Chapter believes the decisions above referred to, to be correct, and that the Chapter hereby sustains

the M. E. High Priest in the same. And so far as the charges against Companion J. B. M—, the late M. E. High Priest, for unmasonic conduct in him, they are wholly unsustained. All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed by Committee.)

On motion duly made, and seconded, the report of the Committee was accepted and the Committee discharged. On motion, the report and resolution were adopted by the Chapter. On motion of Companion D—, and seconded by Companion H—, *Resolved*, That Companion B— be indefinitely suspended from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry for unmasonic conduct. The High Priest directed the Secretary to give Companion B— a formal notice of the action of the Chapter against him. The High Priest also directed that the charges against him, the High Priest, be filed away with the report of the Committee."

[SEAL.] (Signed by) J. B. M—,
Attest: W. N— *High Priest of Chapter No. 150.*"
Secretary."

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed on the foregoing Committee, Companions William Whitney, George D. Haswell and J. A. Phillips.

The alterations to the Constitution presented at a previous meeting, on motion, were called up; when, after a lengthy discussion, and several amendments and alterations were offered and lost, the consideration of the same was postponed for the present.

August 16, 1852.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The proxy for Chapter No. 159 made inquiry as to whether a District Deputy Grand High Priest can be appointed for a District, a Chapter of which District he is not a member of.

The M. E. Grand High Priest decided that a District Deputy Grand High Priest may be appointed if he resides in the District, and is a member of a subordinate Chapter within the State.

On motion duly made, and seconded, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to examine

the records of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter in regard to the compact made between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter at the separation of those two bodies.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint the following Companions on that Committee: D. C. Skerrett, John Thomson, E. D. Haswell, R. McCulloch and R. Frazer, with instructions to report, if possible, at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter.

An amendment to the Rules and Regulations was offered, to read as follows: "A Royal Arch Mason shall not be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe who has not passed the chair of a Blue Lodge by election, and who has not served a regular term of office as High Priest of some subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction."

November 15, 1852.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application for a warrant for a new Chapter to be held in Carlisle was read; and, on motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The following report was read:

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed to examine and report the circumstances connected with the formation of the present Constitution of the Grand Chapter, feeling that the most acceptable manner of presenting the matter to the Grand Chapter would be in the form of extracts from the records of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge, both of which they have examined, respectfully report: "That at a stated meeting of the Grand Hiram Royal Arch Chapter, held at Philadelphia, December 21, 1812, the Committee appointed December 17, 1810, to revise and amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, reported a Code of By-Laws, which, having been discussed and amended Article by Article, was adopted."

"On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee present the above report to the R. W. Grand Lodge for their approbation."

The preamble to this Code is as follows:

"Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees, the first of which are those of Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the sublime de-

gree of Master Mason; and a Brother being well versed in these degrees, and having discharged the offices of his Lodge, particularly that of Master, and fulfilled the duties thereof with the approbation of the brethren of his Lodge, is eligible, on due trial and examination by the Chiefs of the Chapter to which he shall have applied, and by them found worthy of being admitted to the Fourth Degree—the Holy Royal Arch.

“It follows, of course, that every regularly warranted Lodge possesses the power of forming and holding Lodges in each of these degrees, the last of which, from its preéminence, is denominated among Masons, A CHAPTER. That the said Chapters of the Holy Royal Arch may be established, held and conducted with the regularity, discipline and solemnity becoming the sublime intention with which they have, from time immemorial, been held as an essential component part of Ancient Masonry, and that which is the perfection and end of the beautiful system, the excellent Masons of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, according to the old institutions assembled and constitutionally convened in general Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, have carefully collected, revised and adopted the following Regulations for the government thereof, that under the sanction of the Grand Lodge they may be transmitted to every regular warranted Lodge on the register, and may be solemnly and finally made a part of the Book of Laws and Regulations of the Craft.”

Then follow the said Laws as adopted:

“February 15, 1813. The Committee appointed to present the By-Laws of this Chapter to the Grand Lodge, reported that they had attended to that duty, and that the Laws had met with the approbation of the Grand Lodge.”

“May 15, 1815. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations or amendments are necessary to be made in the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.”

“October 21, 1816. The Committee on the amendments to the By-Laws reported.”

“November 18, 1816. Committee on amendments asked and obtained leave to withdraw their report.”

“November 17, 1817. *Resolved*, That the word ‘two’ in the Seventh Article of the By-Laws be stricken out, and the word ‘four’ inserted. Laid on the table.”

“November 16, 1818. *Resolved*, That the Fourth Article of the By-Laws be altered so as to read: ‘A general Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch shall be held quarterly, on the third Monday in February, May, August and November in each year. It shall be composed of Past and present Chiefs of subordinate Chapters, and also of all the Royal Arch Masons who are members of the Grand Lodge, and, at the same time, members of subordinate Chapters. But no Royal Arch Mason shall be eligible to office in the Grand Chapter unless he has previously served as a Chief of a subordinate Chapter. All other Royal Arch Masons may be admitted as visitors. On motion, laid on the table.’”

“February 16, 1819. Resolution of the 17th November, 1817, adopted, with several other alterations of the By-Laws. Consideration of the resolution of November 16, 1818, postponed.”

“November 15, 1819. Certain amendments to the By-Laws offered, and laid on the table. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, and report what alterations, if any, are necessary to be made therein.”

“February 21, 1820. Amendments offered, and laid on the table at the meeting of November 15, 1819, adopted.”

“At a meeting of the Grand Lodge, held January 7, 1822, it was *Resolved*, That a Committee of Royal Arch Masons be appointed, in conjunction with a similar Committee to be appointed by the Grand Chapter, to inquire into the expediency of *changing the existing system of government of Royal Arch Masonry*, and if found expedient, to digest and report to this Grand Lodge such a system of government of Royal Arch Masonry as in their opinion may be best calculated to advance the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry, without impairing the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge over the same, or diminishing the revenue of the Grand Lodge. Laid on the table.”.

“April 1, 1822. Grand Lodge. The resolution of February 21, 1820, [January 7, 1822,] was taken up, and amended by *striking out the last clause*, which is as follows: ‘Without impairing the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge over the same, or diminishing the revenues of the Grand Lodge,’ and was then laid on the table.”

“May 20, 1822. Sundry resolutions for the reorganization of

the Grand Chapter were presented. *Resolved*, That the resolutions now presented for the government of this Grand Chapter be referred to a Committee of five, and that the R. W. Grand Lodge be respectfully invited to appoint a like Committee to confer with that appointed by the Grand Chapter."

"June 17, 1822. Grand Lodge. Committee of Grand Chapter made known to Grand Lodge the resolution of May 20, 1822; whereupon, it was *Resolved*, That the resolution of January 7, relative to the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the expediency of changing the government of Royal Arch Masonry be taken up; which was agreed to, and the *resolution as amended April 1 was adopted.*"

"August 19, 1822. Grand Chapter. The Committee appointed at the last meeting, reported that in conjunction with the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge they had examined the resolutions submitted, and were of opinion that their adoption was inexpedient. They then reported a system which they had digested; which report was adopted, and a Committee appointed to present the same to the Grand Lodge for approval."

"September 16, 1822. Grand Lodge. The Committee to inquire into the expediency of changing the system of Royal Arch government made a report, the consideration of which was postponed; they also made a similar report to that presented to the Grand Chapter, which was laid on the table."

"November 18, 1822. Grand Chapter. *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee presented and adopted at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter on certain resolutions containing a proposed system for the government of the Royal Arch Masonry be reconsidered."

"December 7, 1822. Grand Chapter. The motion to reconsider was agreed to, when it was *Resolved*, To refer said report to a Committee of seven, to consider the same and report to Grand Chapter."

"December 30, 1822. Grand Chapter. The Committee appointed at the last meeting made report, when it was *Resolved*, That the question on the passage of the Constitution should not be taken before the first Monday of January, following."

"January 6, 1823. Grand Chapter. It was moved to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the Constitution; which was not agreed to. Companion King then moved to postpone

the consideration of the Constitution for the purpose of submitting the following as a substitute: *Whereas*, Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees, to wit, the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Mark Master, and Royal Arch; *And whereas*, It is competent for all Lodges possessing a lawful warrant to open a Chapter and exalt Masons to the supreme degree of Holy Royal Arch; *And whereas, therefore*, The existence of a Grand Chapter is unnecessary where there exists a Grand Lodge in the same jurisdiction, and in which the lawful government of Ancient Masonry exclusively exists; therefore, *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter be and is hereby adjourned *sine die*."

"January 11, 1823. Grand Chapter. *Resolved*, That application be made to the Grand Lodge for permission to withdraw the communication from this Grand Chapter, and read in Grand Lodge on 16th September, 1822. *Resolved*, That consideration of Constitution be postponed."

"February 3, 1823. Grand Lodge. Permission granted Grand Chapter to withdraw communication."

"June 23, 1823. Grand Chapter. Companion King's motion to postpone, for the purpose of offering a substitute, was taken up, and *not* agreed to. The Constitution was then adopted, and a Committee appointed to present the same to the Grand Lodge for approval."

"August 2, 1823. Grand Lodge. Committee from Grand Chapter presented the Constitution adopted by Grand Chapter at its last meeting; which, on motion, was made the order of the day for the first Monday of September following."

"September 1, 1823. Grand Lodge. Consideration of Constitution postponed until the first Monday in October following."

"October 20, 1823. Grand Lodge. Moved that the consideration of the Constitution adopted by the Grand Chapter be postponed for the purpose of introducing the report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge, appointed to inquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of government of Royal Arch Masonry."

"October 27, 1823. Grand Lodge. The motion to postpone was taken up and agreed to, and so the consideration of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter was postponed."

"November 3, 1823. The report of the Committee on the system of government of Royal Arch Masonry was adopted as

amended, in the following words: *Resolved*, That it is expedient to change the existing system of government of Holy Royal Arch Masonry.

“ *Resolved*, That the present powers of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania be and are hereby so far enlarged as to empower the Grand Chapter to issue warrants for the holding of Chapters of Holy Royal Arch Masonry and Lodges of Mark and Most Excellent Master Masons, and the same to suspend, revoke and restore at pleasure; to form a Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for its own government; to regulate, superintend and control the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of subordinate Chapters, Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Lodges under its jurisdiction, and to preside over and govern the same according to the ancient usages and customs of Masonry: *Provided always, nevertheless*, That these powers shall always be held under the following restrictions and qualifications, which shall be and are fundamental conditions of this grant, viz.:

“ *First*. That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (being a Royal Arch Mason) shall be *ex officio* Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

“ *Second*. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall on no pretence grant warrants authorizing the entering, passing and raising, and passing to the chair of any person or persons, at any place or places within or without the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or in any way interfere with those degrees or the government thereof.

“ *Third*. That no person shall continue to be a member of any Chapter for a longer time than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of, or shall have been expelled or suspended from, a Blue Lodge.

“ *Fourth*. That all meetings of the Grand and subordinate Chapters, Mark Masters' and Most Excellent Masters' Lodges in Philadelphia shall be held in the present Masonic Hall, or in any other hall used by the Grand Lodge which shall be sufficiently commodious for their accommodation.

“ *Fifth*. That nothing herein contained shall be considered as a recognition by the Grand Lodge of the degrees of Most Excellent and Mark Master as degrees of Ancient York Masonry.”

“ November 17, 1823. Grand Chapter. The Constitution

adopted by the Grand Lodge was presented and read, whereupon a *motion of non-concurrence* was offered."

"November 28, 1823. Grand Chapter. The motion of *non-concurrence* was taken up and *agreed to*. A Committee was then appointed to meet a similar Committee from the Grand Lodge, to digest a Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, and the Grand Recorder directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Grand Lodge for their information."

"December 1, 1823. Grand Lodge. A communication from the Grand Chapter announcing their non-concurrence in the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge on the 3d of November, 1823, was presented and read; also, a copy of the resolution appointing a Committee of Conference, whereupon the Grand Lodge appointed a Committee to confer with the above-named Committee of the Grand Chapter."

"December 24, 1823. Grand Chapter. The Committee of Conference reported a Constitution, (*the present one,*) which was adopted."

"January 5, 1824. Grand Lodge. The Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, agreed upon by the Committee of Conference, and adopted by the Grand Chapter on the 5th of January, 1823, was read and amended, and as amended was adopted."

This is the Constitution which is now in force.

The Grand Chapter will perceive from these extracts, embracing all that has taken place on the subject-matter of this report, from December 7, 1812, to January 5, 1824, when the present Constitution was approved of by the Grand Lodge, that no compact, agreement or understanding, of any kind whatsoever, other than the Constitution itself, was entered into between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. A disposition of this kind was certainly exhibited in a clause of the resolution offered in the Grand Lodge on the 7th of January, 1822; this clause, however, was subsequently *withdrawn by the Grand Lodge itself.*

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID C. SKERRETT,
JOHN THOMSON,
GEORGE D. HASWELL,
ROBERT McCULLOCH,
ROBERT FRAZER,

Committee.

The following report was read and adopted:

*To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
of the State of Pennsylvania:*

The Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter, to whom were referred the proceedings of Chapter No. 150 in relation to the suspension of Companion B—— from said Chapter, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee having examined the proceedings of Chapter No. 150, as well as the report of the Committee of that Chapter to whom the charges against Companion B—— were referred, find that in all their doings they proceeded regularly and in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon; and as Companion B—— has not appealed from their proceedings to this Grand Chapter, your Committee have no reason to doubt but that he is perfectly satisfied with the action of the Chapter. Your Committee find, however, that in the resolution unanimously adopted by Chapter No. 150, they have indefinitely suspended Companion B—— from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.

Your Committee are of the opinion that Chapter No. 150 have gone a little further than they were justified in doing.

A Chapter has the undoubted right to try one of its members when charges are regularly preferred, and if found guilty, can, by a vote of the Chapter, suspend him from the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry, but they cannot deprive him of the benefits of Masonry altogether. A Chapter cannot deprive a Brother of his membership in a Blue Lodge, or from the benefits of Blue Masonry.

Your Committee would therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of Chapter No. 150 in relation to the suspension of Companion B——, so far as it relates to Royal Arch Masonry, be and the same is confirmed.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to forward a copy of the above resolution to Chapter No. 150, with instructions to change their minutes so as to conform therewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WHITNEY,
GEORGE D. HASWELL,
Committee.

The following Companions were duly reelected to their respective offices:

Comp. E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, *M. E. Grand King.*
 " ROBERT FRAZER, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " JOHN THOMSON, *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The following amendment to the Rules and Regulations was offered:

Page 12 of the Rules and Regulations, and sixth paragraph, add the words, "being a member of the Grand Chapter."

The amendment offered at the last meeting was called up, and lost.

The following resolution was offered, and laid over:

Resolved, That the words "three votes," in the fourteenth line of page 12 of the Rules of Order, be altered to read "one vote."

Six copies of the Ahiman Rezon were directed to be procured for the use of the members of the Grand Chapter.

The Treasurer was directed to pay over to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania three hundred dollars on account.

December 27, 1852.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes as related to the election of officers on the evening of November 15, 1852, were read and approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Past Grand High Priest David C. Skerrett took the chair, and installed Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, in ancient form.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—

Comp. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE

was installed *M. E. Grand King.*

" ROBERT FRAZER, " . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " JOHN THOMSON, " . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " WILLIAM H. ADAMS, " . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest then made the following appointments, to wit:

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Comp. JAMES S. HOON, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Beaver, Lawrence and Armstrong.

Comp. J. B. MUSSER, of Washington, for the counties of Washington and Fayette.

- “ ROBERT MODERWELL, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster and Dauphin.
- “ JOSEPH L. STICHTER, of Reading, for the county of Berks.
- “ WILLIAM N. ROBBINS, of Minersville, for the county of Schuylkill.
- “ PHILIP KREBBS, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton and Lycoming.
- “ JOHN C. SMITH, . . . *Grand Captain of the Host.*
- “ DANIEL THOMPSON, . . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
- “ ABRAHAM WEST, . . . *Grand Holy R. A. Captain.*
- “ ANTHONY E. STOCKER, . . . *Grand Captain 3d Vail.*
- “ C. C. WILLIAMS, . . . *Grand Captain 2d Vail.*
- “ GEORGE GRISCOM, . . . *Grand Captain 1st Vail.*
- “ JAMES KELLY, . . . *Grand Marshal.*
- “ W. B. SCHNIDER, . . . *Grand Tyler.*
- “ Rev. H. W. DUCACHET,
- “ “ EZRA S. ELY, . . . } *Grand Chaplains.*
- “ “ KINGSTON GODDARD,
- “ W. W. THOMSON, . . . } *Grand Stewards.*
- “ GEORGE H. HART, . . . }
- “ FREDERICK SHULTZ, . . . }
- “ WILLIAM H. KLAPP, . . . }
- “ E. R. JONES, . . . } *Com. of Correspondence.*
- “ H. WEIR WORKMAN, . . . }
- “ WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . . }
- “ DAVID C. SKERRETT, . . . } *Com. on By-Laws.*
- “ W. H. ADAMS, . . . }
- “ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . . }
- “ JAMES SIMPSON, . . . } *Com. on Accounts.*
- “ HARMAN BAUGH, . . . }

On reading the returns from Chapter No. 52, it appeared that the Scribe they had elected was not eligible, he not having passed the chair by an election; when, on motion duly made, and seconded, the Grand Secretary was directed to send said returns back to Chapter No. 52, with directions to hold another election for Scribe.

An application for a new Chapter, to be held in Sunbury, Pa., was read, and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Another application for a new warrant in Tunkhannock, Luzerne county, was read, and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion Joseph McMullin, the High Priest elect of Harmony Chapter, No. 52, was duly installed as such, and had the degree of High Priest conferred upon him.

February 21, 1853.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application for a warrant to hold a Chapter at Easton was read, and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

A similar application was read for a warrant to hold a Chapter in Tamaqua, Schuylkill county. Referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The consideration of the resolution offered at the November Communication was deferred to the next Quarterly Communication, as the Chapters in the country had not been properly notified of the time of its consideration.

An amendment to the Rules and Regulations was offered to strike out of the rule "Amendments," on folio 17, the words "majority," and insert "two-thirds."

May 16, 1853.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that the Grand Officers had found the application for a new Chapter at Easton to be correct, and that the warrant had been granted. It being out of the power of the Grand Officers to attend to the matter, he deputed Companion Robert McCulloch, Harman Bangh and Daniel Thompson, to perform the duty of organizing the Chapter, and installing the officers, and exemplifying the work of Royal Arch Masonry.

The above-named Companions reported, that on the 4th day of May, 1853, they organized the Chapter and installed the officers.

On motion, the M. E. Grand High Priest was authorized and requested to draw his order for the expenses incurred in constituting Chapter No. 173, at Easton.

The warrant of Mark Lodge No 212, formerly held at Easton, was returned to the Grand Chapter.

An application was received for a warrant for a new Chapter in the city of Philadelphia. Referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The amendment to the Rules and Regulations in relation to the proxy vote, came up for consideration, and upon the question being taken, it was lost ; the proxies voting under instructions.

The following resolution, offered at a preceding meeting, was called up, discussed and lost :

Resolved, That the word "majority," in the Rules and Regulations, on page 17, be struck out, and the word "two-thirds" substituted.

The following amendment, page 12, in relation to *proxy* was offered :

Resolved, That in no case shall the proxy as aforesaid be allowed the privilege of voting said proxy votes, unless under written instructions from the Chapter represented by him, as to the manner in which he shall cast said votes.

August 15, 1853.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application for a warrant for a Chapter at Catawissa, Columbia county, was read, and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The resolution of "amendment, page 12, in relation to *proxy*," offered at the last meeting, came up in regular order ; when, after being read, Companion James Hutchinson stated that in his opinion it would be contrary to the Constitution to entertain such a resolution. The Companions concurring generally in this opinion, the Grand High Priest declared the resolution out of order.

EMERGENT MEETING.

September 17, 1853.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had convened the Grand Chapter for the purpose of conferring the Most Excellent degree, and exalting Brother William P. Cunningham to the

supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry, and that he would now proceed to perform said duty.

The Chapter closed, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened, Companion Robert McCulloch, as Most Excellent Master, in the chair; when Brother William P. Cunningham was introduced, and received as a Most Excellent Master.

Most Excellent Masters' Lodge closed, and Chapter opened, when Brother William P. Cunningham was introduced, and exalted to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry.

October 8, 1853.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had convened the Grand Chapter for the purpose of organizing the new Chapter, No. 175, and installing the officers.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion Thomas E. Baxter was duly installed High Priest of Keystone Chapter, No. 175, and had also the degree of High Priest conferred upon him.

The Companions were re-admitted, and Companion Jeremiah L. Hutchinson was installed as King, Companion Edward T. Mott as Scribe.

The names of the other Companions joining the above offices were Francis Blackburne, Jos. Moore and William Carr.

The Grand Marshal having duly proclaimed Keystone Chapter, No. 175, duly constituted, a solemn prayer was offered to the Throne of Grace, when the Grand Chapter closed.

November 21, 1853.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that at the Quarterly Communication in May last the following resolution, as an amendment to the Rules and Regulations, page 12, in relation to proxy votes, was offered :

"Resolved, That in no case shall the proxy as aforesaid be allowed the privilege of voting said proxy votes, unless under written instructions from the Chapter represented by him, as to the manner in which he shall cast said votes."

Which, in accordance with our rules, was laid over until the succeeding Grand Quarterly Communication, when it came up in due course before the Grand Chapter, and after being discussed, was by me ruled out of order.

As this resolution involves an important and constitutional question, I have considered it advisable to reduce the reasons for my decision to writing, in order that they may appear upon the minutes of the Grand Chapter.

The powers of a Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, however extensive they may be, are undoubtedly derived by delegations from the body of Masons generally, as they exist in societies of subordinate Lodges or Chapters; as the very existence of a Grand pre-supposes the previous and continued existence of subordinate bodies. These subordinate Lodges or Chapters then possess certain rights not granted away, either by presumption or expressly, which are active and superior to the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter themselves. One of these rights, original and inherent, and absolutely essential to the very existence of the relation of Grand and subordinate Chapters, is that of representation. The Grand Chapter being composed of the duly qualified members of its subordinates, and that the exercise of its powers might not fall into the hands of a single Chapter, it has always been deemed expedient that the meetings of the Grand Chapter should be held in the vicinity of three or more subordinate Chapters, that the members of at least that number of Chapters might, without expense to themselves or the Order, attend its meetings. The more distant Chapters, however, retaining unimpaired their right of appearing and being heard therein, as however the expense would prove a practical bar to their so doing, unless some remedy were provided, it has been agreed upon that they may appoint a representative among the qualified members of the Chapters in the vicinity of the Grand Chapter, and to this representation is given the three votes to which a Chapter is entitled through its three chief officers; its other qualified members voting in their own right, and not as representatives of the Chapter. This right then cannot be taken away, curtailed or interfered with in any manner by the Grand Chapter, as upon this system of representation its own existence depends. The resolution in question, though it does not in express terms do away with any portion of

this system, yet in practice it would do so most effectually in very many cases, the great majority of questions effecting the interests of the Chapters are such as arise under the present Constitution, and which may be brought forward, discussed and decided upon the same evening, when it would be impossible for the proxies to obtain written or any instructions from the Chapters they represent, and the latter would be deprived of three votes, however much their interests might be at stake.

It is perfectly right and proper for the Grand Chapter to exact the very best and highest evidence of the appointment of the proxy, and this it does by requiring the written appointment, under the seal of the Chapter, to be presented and filed. But when his credentials have been received and the proxy accepted, the Grand Chapter has fulfilled its entire duty; with the manner of carrying out the objects of the appointment it has nothing to do, and cannot inquire into—that is a matter entirely between the representative and his constituents.

To assume to itself such power and authority would, as I have shown, in a majority of cases be depriving the subordinate Chapters of the right itself. The proxy is the confidential agent of the Chapter, and if he should not in all cases perform the duties of his appointment to its satisfaction, he may without any permission being asked of the Grand Chapter be removed, and another appointed in his place. The fact that the only means possessed by the Grand Chapter of depriving him of his proxy is an indirect one, that of depriving him of membership, is of itself conclusive proof that it possesses no jurisdiction in the matter, but that it rests entirely with the subordinate Chapters. For these reasons, Companions, I declared the resolution referred to out of order.

The following Companions were duly elected to the several offices :

Comp. ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, . . *M. E. Grand High Priest,*
 (Comp. E. P. Lescure declining a reëlection.)

“ HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand King.*
 “ ROBERT McCULLOCH, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 “ JOHN THOMSON, : *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 “ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

December 27, 1853.

Companion E. P. LESCURE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of November 21, 1853, as relates to the election of officers were read and approved.

On motion, the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay the balance in his hands of \$371.24 to the Grand Lodge, agreeably to the provision in the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

Companion E. P. Lescure, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, then delivered a short address to the Grand Chapter.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, *M. E. Grand High Priest* elect, was installed in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The Companions who had retired reentered, when—

Comp. HARMAN BAUGH was installed *M. E. Grand King.*

“ JOHN THOMSON, “ . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, “ . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

And having separately received the accustomed salutations of the Companions, took their respective stations.

The *M. E. Grand High Priest* made the following appointments, to wit:

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Comp. JAMES S. HOON, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Beaver, Lawrence and Armstrong.

“ JAMES B. MUSSER, of Washington, for the counties of Washington and La Fayette.

“ ROBERT MODERWELL, of Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster.

“ JOSEPH L. STICHTER, of Reading, for the county of Berks.

“ WILLIAM N. ROBBINS, of Minersville, for the county of Schuylkill.

“ PHILIP KREBBS, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton and Lycoming.

“ CHARLES E. BLUMENTHAL, of Carlisle, for the counties of Blair, Franklin, Dauphin and Cumberland.

“ ABRAHAM WEST, . . . *Grand Captain of the Host.*

“ ANTHONY E. STOCKER, . . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*

Comp. R. STERLING WILSON,	.	<i>Grand Holy R. A. Captain.</i>
" MICHAEL BOUVIER,	.	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
" JOHN THORNLEY,	.	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
" THOMAS E. BAXTER,	.	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
" JAMES KELLY,	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER,	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" Rev. H. W. DUCACHET,	.	
" " E. S. ELY,	.	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" " KINGSTON GODDARD,	.	
" WILLIAM W. THOMSON,	.	
" GEORGE H. HART,	.	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" FREDERICK SHULTZ,	.	
" W. H. KLAPP,	.	
" EDWARD R. JONES,	.	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
" H. WEIR WORKMAN,	.	
" E. P. LESCURE,	.	
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
" ROBERT FRAZER,	.	
" JOSEPH S. RILEY,	.	
" JAMES SIMPSON,	.	<i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
" HARMAN BAUGH,	.	

All but Past High Priests again retired, when Companion Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, the High Priest elect of Chapter No. 175, was duly installed as High Priest of said Chapter, and had the degree conferred upon him.

February 20, 1854.

Companion ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form, at 7 o'clock P. M.

[NOTE.—One hour after the regular hour. The lateness of the hour, and small attendance, was caused by a severe snow-storm, the heaviest for the last forty years.]

On examining the returns of Chapter No. 152, held at Reading, Berks county, it was represented that the High Priest and King elect were not Past Masters by election, as directed by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. Considerable discussion ensued, whercupon the M. E. Grand High Priest directed said returns to be sent back to Chapter No. 152, with directions to

said Chapter to hold another election for officers at as early a period as possible.

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April 1, 1854.

Companion ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had convened the Grand Chapter for the purpose of taking some action upon Chapter No. 152 for refusing to hold an election for officers, agreeably to the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon.

After reading communications from the District Deputy Grand High Priest and others, and after considerable discussion in relation to eligibility of officers and the different construction of the Grand Chapter in relation to this particular case, the following resolution, offered by Companion Henry M. Phillips, was adopted:

Resolved, That the subject be referred to a Committee of three, with instructions to report upon the competency of the Companions recently elected in Chapter No. 152 to serve as High Priest and King, and also to report what qualifications are necessary for a High Priest, King and Scribe of a subordinate Chapter, for membership of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and qualifications of Companions petitioning for a warrant for a new Chapter.

Companions H. M. Phillips, Bayse Newcomb and Samuel H. Perkins were appointed said Committee.

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May 15, 1854.

Companion ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was read, signed by a number of Mark Masons, asking for a warrant for a new Mark Lodge, to meet in the Masonic Hall, South Third street, Philadelphia, to be named Excelsior, No. 216.

On motion, the application was granted.

The special Committee appointed April 1, 1854, to inquire into the qualifications of High Priests, &c., &c., were discharged, and the further consideration of the subject postponed.

The following amendments were offered:

Resolved, That all after the word "jurisdiction," in Article

First of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, folio 168 of the Ahiman Rezon, and second line from bottom of the page, be stricken out.

Or strike out the following from Article First of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, on folios 168 and 169, to wit:

“Who are qualified as aforesaid, and all Past High Priests of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction who are qualified as aforesaid, continuing members of such subordinate Chapters,”

To Rule Four in Ahiman Rezon, folio 173.

Immediately after the word “Chapter,” insert, “or by invitation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.”

August 21, 1854.

Companion ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The amendment to the First Article of the Constitution, submitted at the last Quarterly Communication, was postponed until the Quarterly Communication in November next.

The following alteration to the Constitution was offered by Companion A. E. Stocker:

ARTICLE I, SEC. 1. The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall be composed of the Past M. E. Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter; of the M. E. High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being of all warranted and constituted Royal Arch Chapters under this jurisdiction; of the Past M. E. High Priests of such Chapters, continuing members thereof, and of all the present members of the Grand Chapter, who are members thereof in consequence of their being members of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. No Companion shall be a member of this Grand Chapter who has not passed the chair in some duly warranted Lodge by election, or by dispensation, and who is not a Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Mason.

Also in Article I, line 8, strike out all after the word “Chapter.” See folio 168, Ahiman Rezon.

November 20, 1854.

Companion ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Applications were received for new Chapters at Chambersburg, at Tamaqua, and at Montrose. Referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The Committee to whom was referred the application, by resolution passed at the stated meeting of Chapter No. 174, held at Sunbury, June 17, 1854, praying that the name of Companion W. L. D—— be replaced as one of the petitioners to the Grand Chapter for the warrant granted to said Chapter, it having been erased without his knowledge or that of his Companions, respectfully report, that after a careful examination of the facts of the case, are satisfied that the erasure was made under a wrong impression on the part of Companion P. B. M——. It appears that Companion W. L. D——, whose name was on the petition as one of the officers, having made arrangements for visiting Europe, authorized the erasure of the office from his name, but did not expect that his name would be stricken off under these circumstances; and inasmuch as the application for restoring the name of the Companion is made by resolution of the Chapter, at a stated meeting, and signed by ten of the members—all, as it appears, that were present—your Committee respectfully offer the following resolution as an act of justice:

Resolved, That the name of Companion W. L. D—— be restored as one of the petitioners for the warrant granted to Chapter No. 174.

(Signed by)

DAVID C. SKERRETT,
EDWARD P. LESCURE,
ROBERT FRAZER,
Committee.

A communication was received from M. E. Grand Scribe Companion Robert McCulloch, declining advancement or a reëlection.

The several amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter offered at the previous meetings were read, and after considerable discussion and several amendments, the following was adopted, as originally offered, to wit:

ARTICLE I. The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall be constituted of all the members of the Grand Lodge, for the time being, who are Royal Arch Masons, and have received the honorary degree of Mark Master, and been accepted and received Most Excellent Masters, and who have passed the chair of a

Lodge by election, and who are contributing members of some subordinate Chapter, and of all High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction.

Companion A. E. Stocker offered the same amendment which he offered at the last Quarterly Communication, which was laid over until the next Quarterly Communication in February next.

M. E. Grand High Priest Companion ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE thanked the Companions for their kindness, but declined a re-election.

► The following Companions were then duly elected to their respective offices :

Comp. HARMAN BAUGH,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ JOHN C. SMITH,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ DANIEL THOMPSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WM. H. ADAMS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 27, 1854.

Companion ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of November 20, 1854, as relates to the election of officers were read and approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion HARMAN BAUGH was installed as *M. E. Grand High Priest* in ancient form, and being duly proclaimed, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The Companions who had retired were again re-admitted, when—

Comp. JOHN C. SMITH was installed	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ DAVID THOMPSON, “ .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, “ .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WM. H. ADAMS, “ .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

And having separately received the accustomed salutations of the Companions, took their respective stations.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to make the following appointments :

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Comp. JAMES S. HOON, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Beaver, Lawrence and Armstrong.

Comp. J. B. MUSSER, of Washington, for the counties of Fayette and Washington.

“ ROBERT MODERWELL, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster and Dauphin.

“ A. JORDAN SWARTZ, of Reading, for the county of Berks.

“ WILLIAM N. ROBBINS, of Minersville, for the county of Schuylkill.

“ PHILIP KREBBS, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton and Lycoming.

“ BENJAMIN PARKE, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Cumberland, Blair, Franklin and Dauphin.

“ ABRAHAM WEST, . . . *Grand Captain of the Host.*

“ JOHN THORNLEY, . . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*

“ FREDERICK SHULTZ, . . . *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*

“ W. W. THOMSON, . . . *Grand Captain 3d Vail.*

“ J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, . . . *Grand Captain 2d Vail.*

“ CHARLES BROTHERS, . . . *Grand Captain 1st Vail.*

“ JAMES KELLY, . . . *Grand Marshal.*

“ W. M. B. SCHNIDER, . . . *Grand Tyler.*

“ REV. H. W. DUCACHET,

“ “ E. S. ELY, . . . } *Grand Chaplains.*

“ “ KINGSTON GODDARD, } *Grand Chaplains.*

“ JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON,

“ GEORGE H. HART, . . . } *Grand Stewards.*

“ ROBT. STERLING WILSON,

“ W. M. H. KLAPP,

“ H. WEIR WORKMAN, . . . } *Com. of Correspondence.*

“ GEORGE GRISCOM, . . . } *Com. of Correspondence.*

“ W. H. ADAMS, . . . } *Com. on By-Laws.*

“ GEORGE SMITH, . . . } *Com. on By-Laws.*

“ WILLIAM ENGLISH, . . . } *Com. on By-Laws.*

“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . . } *Com. on Accounts.*

“ JAMES SIMPSON, . . . } *Com. on Accounts.*

“ GEORGE THOMSON, . . . } *Com. on Accounts.*

February 19, 1855.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Applications for new Chapters at Carbondale, Luzerne county,

and Catawissa, Columbia county, were received, and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The amendment to the Constitution offered by Companion Anthony E. Stocker was called up, and postponed on account of the absence of that Companion.

The amendment offered May, 1854, in relation to Royal Arch Masons appearing in processions in regalia was called up, and after considerable discussion, was withdrawn.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge in relation to fitting up and furnishing the new Hall, Chestnut street.

Companions Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, James W. Martien and George H. Hart were appointed said Committee.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest's necessary expenses be paid whilst visiting subordinate Chapters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had granted authority to District Deputy Grand High Priest Companion Benjamin Parke to open and constitute Chapter No. 176, at Chambersburg, and that Chapter No. 177, at Tamaqua, had been constituted by himself and several Companions.

The new Chapter asked for at Montrose, Susquehanna county, had not yet been granted, owing to "no guarantee of work."

May 21, 1855.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was received for a new Chapter at Manch Chunk, also for one at Kittanning, Armstrong county; which were referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The Grand Secretary said he received the warrant of the old Chapter formerly held at Chambersburg; which was ordered to be filed in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

An application was received from the Companions of the new Chapter at Chambersburg, asking for the grant of the jewels, fixtures and regalia of the old Chapter which, thirty years ago, existed in Chambersburg; which request was granted.

The attention of the Grand Chapter was called to the following resolution, adopted at the last Quarterly Meeting :

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest's necessary expenses be paid whilst visiting the subordinate Chapters.

With the permission of the Grand Chapter the phraseology of the resolution was altered to read as follows:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest's and the elective Grand Officers' expenses be paid whilst visiting subordinate Chapters.

The amendment to the Constitution of Companion A. E. Stocker, offered August 21, 1854, was called up and lost.

June 21, 1855.

Companion JOHN C. SMITH, *M. E. Grand King*, acting as *M. E. Grand High Priest*, (presiding in his absence and by his written request.)

The acting M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had convened the Grand Chapter by a written request from the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Harman Baugh, to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason on our aged and much respected Brother, James Ferguson, a Past Master by election of many years standing, of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, he being about to leave the State in the service of the United States, on board of the United States Ship Potomac.

The Grand Chapter was closed, and opened in the Mark degree, when Brother James Ferguson was introduced, and had the honorary degree of Mark Master conferred on him.

The Mark Masters' Lodge closed, and Most Excellent Masters' Lodge opened, when Brother James Ferguson was introduced, and received as a Most Excellent Master.

Most Excellent Masters' Lodge closed, and the Chapter opened, when Brother James Ferguson was introduced, and exalted to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry.

August 20, 1855.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Printed proceedings from the following Grand Chapters were referred to the Committee on Correspondence: Grand Chapters of Ohio, Alabama, Florida, Maine for 1854, 1855, Illinois, Mis-

souri for 1854, 1855, New York, Virginia, Rhode Island and Indiana, with the request that the attention of the Committee be particularly directed to the Grand Chapter of Illinois, who had refused admittance to Royal Arch Masons from this State.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence be requested to report at as early a period as possible; and, if practicable, before the dedication of the new Hall.

The Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter was directed to pay five hundred dollars to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

QUARTERLY GRAND COMMUNICATION,

HELD IN THE NEW HALL, CHESTNUT STREET,
November 19, 1855.

Companion JOHN C. SMITH, *M. E. Grand King*, as *M. E. Grand High Priest p. t.*, presiding.

An application was received for a new Chapter at Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county; which was referred to a special Committee, with power to act. Companions James Kelly, Daniel Thompson and William H. Adams were appointed said Committee.

Printed communications were received from Grand Chapters of Connecticut and Iowa; which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following preamble and resolution were offered and adopted :

Whereas, Our Constitution has been more or less altered, and other legislation has been had, within the last several years; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the alterations and amendments of the Constitution, or the passage of any standing resolution or any rules, regulations or orders, be collected and arranged by the Grand Secretary, and after examination by the Grand Officers, be printed and bound—say five hundred copies—for the use of the members of the Grand and subordinate Chapters.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to make certain alterations in the east end of the Grand Chapter room, at the

expense of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Lodge assenting thereto.

The following Companions were appointed said Committee: Companion A. E. Stocker, John A. Simpson and William English.

The following resolution was offered, and laid over:

Resolved, That the same regulation now in force in the Grand Lodge respecting persons suspended for non-payment of dues, be adopted as the regulation of the Grand Chapter in like instances.

The following Companions were duly elected to their respective offices:

Comp. HARMAN BAUGH,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ JOHN C. SMITH,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ DANIEL THOMPSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 27, 1855.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of November 19, 1855, as related to the election of officers were read and approved.

After a short address from Companion Harman Baugh, Past Grand High Priest, Companion James Simpson took the chair, when all but Past High Priests retired.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest* elect, was then installed *M. E. Grand High Priest* of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, in ancient form.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—

Comp. JOHN C. SMITH was installed . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ DANIEL THOMPSON, “ . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, “ . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, “ . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

All of the aforesaid officers separately received the accustomed salutations of the Companions, and took their respective stations.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to make the following appointments:

Comp. JOHN THORNLEY,	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ WILLIAM W. THOMSON, . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>

Comp. FREDERICK SHULTZ,	.	<i>Grand Holy R. A. Captain.</i>
" WILLIAM LEACH,	.	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
" JOHN BEENKEN,	.	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
" GEORGE H. HART,	.	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
" JAMES KELLY,	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER,	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" REV. H. W. DUCACHET,	.	
" " WILLIAM COOPER,	.	
" " ABEL C. THOMAS,	.	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" " WILLIAM H. REES,	.	
" PRESSLEY B. O'NEIL,	.	
" WASHINGTON RICHARDS,	.	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" JOSEPH McMULLIN,	.	
" GEORGE GRISCOM,	.	
" H. W. WORKMAN,	.	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
" JOHN ALEX. SIMPSON,	.	
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	
" WILLIAM ENGLISH,	.	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
" JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON,	.	
" JOSEPH L. RILEY,	.	
" JAMES SIMPSON,	.	<i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
" GEORGE THOMSON,	.	
<i>District Deputy Grand High Priests.</i>		
" A. M. POLLOCK,	of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Beaver, Lawrence and Armstrong.	
" ROBERT MIDERWELL,	of Lancaster, for the county of Lan- caster.	
" A. J. SWAETZ,	of Reading, for the county of Berks.	
" WILLIAM N. ROBBINS,	of Minersville, for the counties of Schuylkill and Montour.	
" PHILIP KREBBS,	of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton and Lycoming.	
" R. C. SIMPSON,	of Towanda, for the counties of Bradford and Towanda.	
" JOHN CRESSWELL, Jr.,	of Holidaysburg, for the counties of Blair, Cumberland and Franklin.	
" P. C. GRITMAN,	of Carbondale, for the counties of Luzerne and Wyoming.	
" WILLIAM LILLEY,	of Mauch Chunk, for the counties of Carbon and Northampton.	

Comp. BENJAMIN PARKE, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Northumberland and Dauphin.

All but Past High Priests having again retired, Companion Paul B. Goddard, M. E. High Priest elect of Chapter No. 169, was installed as such, and had the degree of High Priest conferred upon him.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to procure new collars, &c., for the Grand Officers, and have the regalia of the Grand Chapter repaired as far as it may be required.

Companions Harman, Yerkes and Daniel Thompson were appointed said Committee.

Companion John D. Creigh, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California, was admitted as a visitor during the evening.

February 18, 1856.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Virginia were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

An application was received for a warrant for a new Chapter in the city of Philadelphia, to be called Oriental Chapter, No. 183.

On motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The resolution respecting suspensions for non-payment of dues offered at the last Quarterly Communication was adopted.

March 12, 1856.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers met in the ante-room, and walked in procession into the Grand Chapter. The several officers took their stations and places, when the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at quarter to 8 o'clock, P. M.

By request, the Grand Secretary read the names of the Companions selected as the officers of the new Chapter, likewise the warrant granted; when the M. E. Grand High Priest requested Companion James Simpson to install Companion H. Weir Work-

man as High Priest of Oriental Chapter, No. 183, (the name and number of the new Chapter to be held in the new Hall, Philadelphia.)

All but those who had received the degree of Past High Priest having previously withdrawn, Companion H. Weir Workman was installed in ancient form, and had the degree of Past High Priest conferred upon him.

The Companions were re-admitted, when Companion Charles P. Anderson was duly installed M. E. King, and Theodore F. Johnson M. E. Scribe, in ancient and solemn form, and the Companions set to work.

Applications were received for a warrant for a new Chapter at Conneautville, Crawford county; also for a new Chapter at Scranton, Luzerne county.

On motion, the foregoing were referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act, as soon as all the requirements were properly arranged.

May 19, 1856.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was read for a warrant for a new Chapter in Lewistown, Mifflin county; which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The petition of G. H. H—, a rejected applicant for exaltation and membership in Chapter No. 3, petitioning the Grand Chapter to investigate his case, was, on motion, laid upon the table.

August 18, 1856.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Printed proceedings from the following Grand Chapters were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence: Grand Chapters of Indiana, Iowa, California, Missouri, Alabama, Maine, and a list of the officers of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made a statement in relation to his sequestering the warrant of the new Chapter No. 184, recently constituted at Kittanning, Armstrong county.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the sequestration of the warrant of No. 184 by the M. E. Grand High Priest be confirmed.

A petition was received from a number of Companions at Kit-tanning, praying for a warrant for a new Chapter at that place, to be called Unity Chapter.

On motion, a warrant was granted to the applicants.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the members of the Chapter whose warrant has just been sequestered be relieved from their present disability, and that they be permitted to make application to any other Chapter under this jurisdiction. Also, that permission is hereby given to any other Chapter to which they may apply to receive them as members.

The foregoing was amended, by excepting Companion R. E. B—, the late High Priest of the Chapter, and as amended, was adopted.

An application was presented for a new Chapter to be held in the State of New Jersey; which, after considerable discussion, was withdrawn.

October 6, 1856.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a full and able report on the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters which were referred to them from time to time by the Grand Chapter.

On motion, the same was approved, and five hundred copies ordered to be printed.

R E P O R T.

*To the M. E. Grand Officers and Companions of the
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters and Councils whose printed reports were furnished to them by the Grand Secretary. In obedience to the resolution of the Grand Chapter, this examination has been made with reference especially to the action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, by which Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania are proscribed, by their ex-

clusion from that important privilege of fraternal intercourse—the right universally inalienable in Masons of good standing—to visit the Lodges and Chapters of the Order "around the Globe."

These proceedings are contained in twenty-seven printed documents or pamphlets, as follow:

GRAND CHAPTERS.

MAINE.—Annual Convocation held at Portland, May 3, 1854.

“ Memorial “ “ “ May 2, 1855.

Also a printed report of a Joint Special Committee of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment of the State of Maine, to the General Grand Chapter and Encampment on the subject of a system of international correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND.—Proceedings from June, 1852, to June, 1855.

CONNECTICUT.—Annual Convocation at Hartford, May 8, 1855.

“ “ “ “ May 13, 1856.

NEW YORK.—Annual Meeting at Albany, February 6, 1855.

VIRGINIA.—Annual Convocation at Lynchburg, Dec. 14, 1854.

“ “ “ “ Dec. 13, 1855.

ALABAMA.—Annual Convocation at Montgomery, also of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, December 5 and 7, 1854.

“ Annual Convocation at Montgomery, also of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, December 4 and 6, 1855.

FLORIDA.—Annual Convocation at Tallahassee, January 11, 1854.

“ “ “ “ January 8, 1855.

MISSOURI.—Annual Convocation at St. Louis, April 5, 1854.

“ “ “ “ May 23, 1855.

“ “ “ “ May 21, 1856.

IOWA.—Annual Convocation at Kees aqua, June 2, 1855.

INDIANA.—Annual Convocation at Indianapolis, May 17, 1854.

“ “ “ “ May, 1856.

ILLINOIS.—Annual Convocation at Jacksonville, Sept. 28 and 29, 1854.

“ “ “ “ Sept. 27 and 28, 1855.

OHIO.—Annual Convocation at Chillicothe, October 13, 1854.

“ “ “ at Mansfield, October 19, 1855.

“ “ “ Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, October 18, 1855.

CALIFORNIA.—Proceedings at a called Communication, held at Sacramento, September 25, 1855; and at their Annual Convocation at the same place, May 2, 1856.

ARKANSAS.—List of Grand Officers elected and installed in November, 1855, for the ensuing year.

These pamphlets comprise volumes of printed matter, in which are elaborately discussed, for the benefit of the public at large as well as of the craft, almost every conceivable theme, touching Masonry, polities and religion. Although displaying frequently eloquence and wit, and all the other attributes of controversial ability, we are of opinion that this kind of publication is not conducive to the true interests of our Order. While we approve of frequent, at least annual, interchange of tokens of fraternal regard and fellowship between these Grand representatives of the body of Masons in the respective States of our Union, and are grateful for, and wish appropriately to reciprocate those which have been thus extended to us, we at the same time most assuredly believe that the course hitherto pursued by our own Grand Chapter, in abstaining from all participation in such public controversies, is a wise and proper course, and eminently conservative of the dignity and safety of Masonry and its sacred principles.

We wish not harshly to condemn, nor even to criticise unkindly, the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters in this regard; but it seems proper to say thus much at least, in vindication of our own policy from the sarcastic, if not somewhat sneering remarks concerning it, in the reports of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, responded to, in some degree of the same spirit, by those of Ohio and New York.

By these Grand Chapters, and especially by that of Illinois, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has been taken to task in most ungracious terms, and condemned in a very summary and unceremonious manner. From the reading of their report it is hard to fix with distinctness upon the gist of their complaint or charges against us. Their accusations are more in the form of Philippics than of bills of indictment, and the specifications are not very clearly set out. However, through the mist of this confusion of complaints, it seems apparent that "the head and front of our offending," consists in the fact of our Grand Chapter having declined to come under the jurisdiction and acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

In addition to this great prominent point of assault, we find some allusion to other causes of complaint against us. These are, first, that we do not reciprocate the practice of sending forth a detailed statement annually in print, of our own proceedings. Secondly, that we have not publicly answered the vituperation

that they have hurled against us; and thirdly, an assertion that our work does not conform to that authorized by the General Grand Chapter. They are not very explicit on this last point, but from all that we can gather by inference, it seems that the Companion who wrote the Illinois report against us intends to assert, that at least one of the three degrees intermediate between those of Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason is dispensed with in our work. This mistaken assumption is not worth further notice; yet it is put forth as a pretext for singling us out for a bitterness of proscription which they do not extend to Virginia or Florida, our companions in contumacy in refusing to recognize the authority of the General Grand Chapter.

One of the brightest jewels in the Masonic coronet of Pennsylvania—her abstinence from publication and especially from controversial publication—is made by Illinois and Ohio, one of their pretexts for hostility and offensive demeanor toward us.

We consider these charges, one and all, thus publicly made by our sister of Illinois, utterly unfounded in reason and unsustained by Masonic principle. It is not worth our while, as it would not be proper for us publicly to answer them.

By entering on such a controversy we should give countenance to and encourage one of the very evils we condemn, and we believe thereby inflict more injury upon the Order in general, than we could attain of advantage to ourselves by ever so decided a victory.

In this view we are not unsustained by the sentiment of our Companions in other jurisdictions, which is shown by the following passage, among others, from the address of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, in 1853:

“It is no part of the duty of Masonic bodies,” says our Companion of Georgia, “to cavil at the proceedings of each other, except when self-defence requires it. I doubt, as I have always done, the propriety of any such animadversion. I have never seen any good in these protracted reports, often crudely drawn up, always acted on in haste, and therefore, to be properly considered only as the opinions of the men who write them, and not as the deliberate views of the Grand Bodies from whom they emanate.”

To illustrate the spirit prevailing in the great majority of our sister Grand Chapters, with regard to the position of the Grand

Chapter of Pennsylvania relatively with that of Illinois and with the General Grand Chapter, we now proceed to give a brief synopsis of some of their remarks on the subject.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Virginia, for 1854, says:

“The manner in which the General Grand Chapter disposed of a portion of the subjects alluded to above, seems not to have given entire satisfaction to several of our sister Grand Chapters. *They still urge objections to the existence of that body*, as at present organized, suggesting many reasons for its dissolution, reconstruction or modification of its powers, and our sister of North Carolina has laid over for consideration at its next Annual Convocation, a resolution for the withdrawal of that body from the General Grand Chapter.” * * * * *

“It is well known that Virginia does not consider the existence of the General Grand Chapter, as at all necessary for any of the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry in this country.”

The Grand Chapter of Alabama, through the same medium, in 1854, speaks thus, with reference to the action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois towards Pennsylvania:

“To sustain, however, the action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, would seem to be the beginning of an effort to cause them arbitrarily to unite with the General Grand Chapter, and thus deprive them of the sovereign right to decide for themselves.”

The report for 1854, of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Florida, has an interesting resume of the history and character of the General Grand Chapter. We make two short extracts:

“Thus you have, Companions, the history of the growth of the General Grand Chapter, under its pliant constitution, to its present monstrous powers, claiming obedience from sovereign independent State institutions, and unbroken allegiance from all Royal Arch Masons in the United States, who acknowledge its authority, and to our surprise and astonishment we find Grand Chapters advocating this doctrine of *perpetual* allegiance to the General Grand Body.” * * * * *

“Now, we utterly dissent from all such extravagant doctrine, to bolster up the supremacy of the General Grand Chapter. We hold that the *subordinate* Chapters are the *source* of all Royal

Arch Masonic authority, possessing inherent and inalienable rights, and that Grand Chapters possess delegated power only, to be exercised for the benefit of their constituents, which is the great object and end of their institution."

Companion John D. Taylor, in his report for 1854, to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, in reply to some of the doctrines of the Georgia report, speaks thus:

"If they be true, (*i. e.*, the arguments or views of the Georgia report, as to the powers of the General Grand Chapter,) the living principles of the Craft, which we are wont to regard as inherent in the members of the Fraternity, are entirely dependent on and may be changed by the capricious will of that General Grand Body, which heretofore has been like Reuben of old, 'as unstable as water, and as devoid of excellence.'"

Companion A. O'Sullivan, in his very able report adopted by the Grand Chapter of Missouri, for 1855, speaks thus:

"Your Committee regret the action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, in thus placing under ban, Companions hailing from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida, the more so, as it is the first blow struck against the independence of the several State Grand Chapters; where the last will come from does not require the vision of a seer to foretell. So far as the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence shows, there are no satisfactory reasons offered to justify these high-handed and extraordinary proceedings, unless indeed the tone and temper in which that report appears to have been written is to be taken as evidence—with this your Committee does not wish to have any thing to do, believing that a cause cannot be just which is endeavored to be supported by invective and assertion."

Companion Pike, in his beautiful address to the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, 1855, says:

"I think the General Grand Chapter is the creature of the Grand Chapters, possessed only of limited and delegated powers."
 * * * "That it has not created them (the State Grand Chapters) by the exercise of any inherent power, or by any act of sovereignty, but acting as the *agent* of the confederation of State Grand Chapters."

We have an interesting pamphlet from California, containing among other matters, an ably written report on Foreign Corre-

spondence, by Companion H. H. Hartley, in which are the following remarks relating to the position of Illinois :

“ We regret to find that in reference to Masonic jurisprudence, the Committee still maintain their position as excluding Royal Arch Masons hailing from Pennsylvania. We do not suppose an opinion expressed by us would have much weight in the scale, but we cannot help affirming that we see no reason, no valid, cogent one, which the Grand Council of Illinois has advanced for excluding Royal Arch Masons from the former State, while on the other hand, all the ties, affinities and principles of Royal Arch Masonry, would lead us rather to endeavor to attain the most universal degree of fraternization.”

From documents handed to us since the foregoing was written, we find that the Grand Chapter of Illinois, in their report of 1855, seem to have reduced one of their objections to Pennsylvania down to something more like a tangible proposition, in the following remarks :

“ Your Committee are free to confess that if Pennsylvania does confer the four Chapter degrees after the manner established by the General Grand Chapter, that the members of this Grand Chapter have been misinformed and its decision needs reviewing. Yet they would respectfully inquire if the Past Master’s degree so called, is conferred under the authority of the Chapters at all? and if not, by what usage, authority or custom the Chapters confer the Most Excellent Master’s degree upon those who have not in some form passed the Oriental Chair?”

Here are three points on which Illinois professes to want information. 1. Whether our Grand Chapter confers the four Chapter degrees according to the *manner established by the General Grand Chapter*. 2. Whether we confer the Past Master degree under the authority of the Chapters at all; and 3. Whether we confer the Past Master degree at all, prior to exaltation to the Royal Arch.

After having rashly excluded us from their communion on such vague objections, and under such deplorable ignorance as are here developed, the Grand Chapter of Illinois proceeds, in the next paragraph, to confess the weakness of its position relatively to the other Grand Chapters of our country, as follows :

“ Many comments,” say the Illinois Committee, “ have been made on this subject by other Grand Chapters, but your Com-

mittee will drop the whole subject here with the remark that while few, if any, speak harshly of our decision, the most of them disagree with this Grand Chapter, some very decidedly, while one or two sustain our decision."

The tone and temper in which these accusations against us are made by our sister of Illinois, we regret, and we know they must be condemned wherever the principles of Masonry are appreciated in their purity. The silent triumph which Pennsylvania has achieved is sufficient for her. She has no occasion to enter the field in controversy with such assailants and against such assaults. Her course has been well considered and deliberately adopted. She wants no admonition from Illinois, so far as any of these questions are concerned.

Our Grand Chapter was established anterior to the formation of the General Grand Chapter, and never owed any kind of allegiance to it. We have refused to submit to its authority or to recognize its jurisdiction.

This we had a perfect right to do, and no one has any right to arraign us on this subject.

The past history of the General Grand Chapter has not, that we can perceive, shown that it is an institution at all beneficial, much less necessary to the organization of Royal Arch Masonry, in this country. The documents submitted to us, plainly, to our judgment, indicate the reverse. Its acts and decisions so far as, they have affected the Grand Chapters which recognize its authority, seem to have been far from producing always happy or advantageous results. We find a tone of complaint and severe criticism on its proceedings plentifully pervading the remarks of some of these bodies on the subject. We have no feeling of hostility towards the General Grand Chapter, but we do not regret that our Grand Chapter has staid out of its organization. We are satisfied that it is better that each sovereign State of our political Union should have its sovereign and independent Grand Chapter. In that system there would be quite centralization of power enough. There ought to be as little subordination as possible in Masonry. The less civil government she has the better. Her business is Masonic work—"to work well, and to agree well;" not to form plans and schemes of worldly power. She is not of the world. She stands self-poised and independent of all the turmoils of ambition around her. She ought to avoid

the temptation to tamper in the various schemes that agitate society. Her own mission is a simple and beautiful one, and is enough for her to attend to. The concentration of power in one grand head may lead to disastrous results to Masonry, by tempting her to step aside from her peculiar, beautiful and beneficent sphere of action, to throw her weight on the one side or the other of the scale, in the various conflicts, political, sectional, religious or otherwise, which agitate the general community.

The individual Lodges and Chapters themselves are the only true source of pure Masonic power. They, after all, constitute the foundation as well as the pillars, the strength as well as the beauty, of the Masonic edifice. How could the "Grand" bodies exist without the "subordinates," (as they are called,) by whom they are created as well as sustained? It is by Masonic skill alone, that true eminence in Masonry can be attained. It is the *work* of the Order, accompanied by its charity and its love, that gives it true dignity or real power. That is the production of individual Chapters and Lodges. The Grand body is to regulate the civil polity of the fraternity. It has but little to do with the work, properly and strictly speaking of the Craft. It is emphatically the creature of those which are called the subordinate bodies, and is constituted chiefly to serve them in civil matters, not to control them in their essential attributes. Although this centralization of power, for civil purposes, is to some extent proper and necessary, yet we think it ought to be carefully restricted within judicious limits. Certainly we would avoid a system whose tendency is to increase it. For these, among other good, and as we think sufficient reasons, we unhesitatingly assume and are ready to sustain the position that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has acted with entire consistency and propriety in declining to annex herself in subordination to the General Grand Chapter.

As to the other charges which the Grand Chapter of Illinois (backed in some degree by those of Ohio and New York) has put forth against us, that of deficiency in our work, and that we have declined to enter into a public controversy with them in print, we believe that what we have elsewhere said is a sufficient answer.

Every other Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, has the same right and as much cause to

complain of us, as Illinois, yet we find no such spirit as she exhibits of hostility and bitterness among them.

With the two or three exceptions we have alluded to, Pennsylvania has been fraternally defended and sustained in her position by the strong good sense of every Grand Chapter in the United States, whose reports have been submitted to us. The severe rebuke administered by some of them to Illinois, for her unfriendly and violent demeanor, is characterized by the latter as evincing a "querulous and impatient spirit."

While hitherto the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has not thought that the subject properly called for a public exposition of her position and opinion, and she has left her sister Grand Chapters respectively to pursue their own course without her interposition by advice or otherwise, regarding the General Grand Chapter, she claims the immunity of self-government for herself, and emphatically denounces all uncalled for interference by others in her own affairs.

On the whole subject, after a careful revision of the documents submitted to us, we feel bound to remark that we have not been able to discover that the Grand Chapter of Illinois is sustained in any degree by either justice, Masonic feeling or common sense, in the course it has adopted toward us.

We further discover that the Grand Chapter of Illinois is condemned in such action, by the almost unanimous sentiment and expression of the other Grand Chapters of the United States.

In short, your Committee have found nothing to induce them to think that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has done any thing wrong, or omitted to do any thing she ought to have done, in the premises.

While, therefore, we recommend to our Grand Chapter, a steady adherence to her ancient, conservative and dignified line of policy, having made an exposition of the state of the case as plain as our limited materials would enable us, your Committee leave the question as to whether any further action regarding Illinois, on our part, is expedient, to be decided by the wisdom of this Grand Chapter.

GEORGE GRISCOM,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
H. WEIR WORKMAN.

It was further *Resolved*, That a portion of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, made to the Grand Chapter of Virginia, (containing a report of Companion A. O'Sullivan, of Missouri, to the Grand Chapter of that State,) on Thursday, December 13, A. D. 1855, A. L. 5855, be printed in connection with the above report.

E X T R A C T

From a Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, containing a report of Companion A. O'Sullivan, of Missouri.

The true character of the Past Master's degree, its uses and powers in its connection with the Chapter degrees, and its importance as a requisite to acquire the Royal Arch degree, is before our sister Grand Chapters: a diversity of views is entertained upon the subject, and we observe that the question is to be submitted to the General Grand Chapter, to amend its Constitution, to sever all relation with it, as connected with, or necessary to obtain the Royal Arch degree.

It must be kept in remembrance, that the so-called Past Master's degree is an installation ceremony absolutely necessary, as a qualification to impart instruction and power to Masters and Wardens elect of warranted Lodges, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of their respective offices. It is also a constitutional requirement, that none who have not been seated in the Oriental Chair, were qualified for or could obtain the Royal Arch degree, and the very limited number of regular Past Masters, who alone were entitled to it, did not furnish material sufficient to enlarge, build up, strengthen and beautify this portion of our Masonic edifice. For that purpose alone, therefore, they were permitted to assume the privilege of conferring it; but conferred by that body, any of the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as attaching to those elected to preside over warranted Lodges, was not acquired but to a limited extent. Hence it will be perceived that, as Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters are now organized, (if our reading and understanding be correct,) the degree or order is absolutely necessary for both organizations, and cannot be dispensed with by either; and we incline to the opinion, that a proper investigation of the rights and preroga-

tives acquired under each, will ensure harmony and preserve the constitutional requirements of each intact.

It must be admitted that frequent changes in fundamental laws produce and perpetuate evils not easily remedied and deeply to be deplored; and we respectfully urge upon our respective Companions a careful and considerate examination of this subject, before they revolutionize old and important customs, if not imperative constitutional obligations.

We discover, with somewhat of regret and more of surprise, in the proceedings of one or more of our sister Grand Chapters, the opinion expressed, that, inasmuch as the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Florida and Virginia, are not members of, and subordinate to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, they are not exactly in the position to be justified in any criticism of the acts and doings of that extended body. And further, a doubt seems to exist in the minds of some, whether the printed proceedings of the several Grand Chapters should be transmitted to them. It will also be remembered, that Illinois passed a resolution to inhibit Companions hailing from either of the above jurisdictions visiting her Chapters. Your Committee are gratified to report, that those who have entertained and expressed those opinions, and acted thus heedlessly, are but few, and are not sustained in them by most of the Grand Chapters, for the reason that Pennsylvania and Virginia date their organization prior to that of the General Grand Chapter, and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of Grand Chapters. We respectfully remark, that holding the opinion, which we conceive cannot be successfully controverted, that all Masonic Grand Bodies are brought into existence by the same means, for the same purposes, and are amenable and responsible only to those universal and acknowledged inherent principles or laws, that made necessary and originated such organizations, no one of them can occupy a position higher than the other. We, therefore, view the General Grand Chapter only in the light of a Grand Chapter with extended jurisdiction, embracing the area of those Grand Chapters, who voluntarily surrendered their independent organizations and their right to separate organization, and became subordinate to its control. Hence the General Grand Chapter of the United States does not, nor can it, acquire or rightfully assume any prerogative beyond those attaching to Pennsylvania, Virginia

and Florida, her equals in organization, power and privileges, save only those acquired by her extended membership. The duties and powers of each are equal and imperative, and should be freely, judiciously and fraternally exercised, either to commend or admonish of error, &c., &c.; nor can we believe that we should acquire any more right to discharge that duty, if we were one of its subordinates. So far from it, we think, that being in that position, a question might arise, with some show of plausibility as to the right (certainly to the respect and duty we owe to a superior) to comment upon their acts. But we take the broad ground, that each and all of our sister Grand Chapters, who have yielded their independent sovereignties, and become amenable to the exactions and requirements of the General Grand Chapter, have (as we discover they exercise) the inherent right of freely commenting upon, censuring and commanding the action of both the General Grand Chapter and Grand Chapters, whenever occasion seems to justify or require it; and we hold, that if they failed to do so, they would be recreant to their duty and the high trust reposed in them.

We trust that the same privilege exercised by Pennsylvania, Florida and Virginia, will not subject them again to the same animadversion above alluded to, and that they may be permitted to discharge an imperative duty, which we feel assured will always be in that kind and fraternal spirit that should characterize all good lovers of the ennobling principles of Masonry, and which should be the great desire of each and every one properly to understand and highly appreciate. Should those hints or criticisms, when made, be received in the same spirit which calls them forth, they will necessarily tend to produce an inquiry into, and correct unintentional errors, and do good to all. We court it, and expect it from all, and shall endeavor to profit by their kind suggestions whenever they may feel sufficient interest in our proceedings to comment upon them.

In connection with the above subject, we deem it desirable to append to this report, as a matter of history and of great interest, a carefully prepared report to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, by their intelligent Grand Secretary, Companion A. O'Sullivan:

“Your Committee, believing it to be his duty to notice such acts only of sister Grand Chapters as may be deemed of general

interest, passes over many of the reports on Foreign Correspondence. Well written, it is true, but the subject therein treated, having received due attention from his predecessor, a repetition by your Committee is neither expected nor desired.

The annual addresses of several of the Grand High Priests are exceedingly interesting, containing many thoughts well and happily expressed; and if the limits which your Committee have assigned for this report permitted, it would gratify him to present selections from them.

In the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, and under the head of Jurisprudence, your Committee find that Companions hailing from Pennsylvania, are denied the right to visit subordinate Chapters in Illinois; and by resolution, subsequently passed at the same Communication, Royal Arch Masons, hailing from Virginia and Florida, are also interdicted.

Your Committee regret the action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, in thus placing under ban, Companions hailing from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida; the more so, as it is the first blow struck against the independence of the several State Grand Chapters. Where the last will come from does not require the vision of a seer to foretell!

So far as the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence show, there are no satisfactory reasons offered to justify this high-handed and extraordinary proceeding, unless indeed the tone and temper in which that report appears to have been written, is to be taken as evidence. With this your Committee does not wish to have any thing to do, believing that a cause cannot be just which is endeavored to be supported by invective and assertion. Neither will he comment on the language used by our Companions in their report, for that is a matter of taste, for which they are alone responsible.

In order that the legality of the organization of our sister Royal Arch jurisdictions of Pennsylvania and Virginia may be understood, the following glance at their early history may not prove uninteresting, the more especially as many eminent Masonic writers in other jurisdictions do not appear to be well posted on this subject.

In proof of this, your Committee will state, that in the address of a Grand High Priest, eminent for his Masonic attainments, delivered not three years since, it is gravely stated the Arch

degree is frequently the *fourth* conferred in Pennsylvania, and under the same *warrant* which constitutes a *Master Mason's Lodge*; and this idea is countenanced, at least not contradicted, by a Masonic writer, distinguished for his abilities as editor of a Masonic journal, and Chairman of Foreign Correspondence of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of New York. Brother F. M. King, in the March No. (1854) of his ably conducted work, the "Union," page 282, in commenting on the action of Illinois, uses the following language: 'That one or more of the Chapter degrees, which are conferred in New York, and in all other States, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, are omitted in Pennsylvania, finds confirmation in the solemn act of Illinois, for we can find no other reason for the exclusion that would not equally apply to Virginia and Florida.'

But to return from this digression.

The first Royal Arch Chapter of which your Committee possesses a particular account, is that held in Pennsylvania anterior to the year 1758. This Chapter, working under the warrant of Lodge No. 3, was recognized by, and had Masonic intercourse with a Military Chapter, working under a warrant of Lodge 351, granted by the Athol Grand Lodge, who subsequently approved of its proceedings. Upon like principles other Chapters were formed in Pennsylvania. In November, 1795, one Molan attempted to introduce innovations in the Arch degree, and to form an independent Grand Chapter under the warrants of Lodges Nos. 19, 52 and 67, held in the city of Philadelphia, and a Lodge constituted by authority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and another holding under the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Chapter No. 3 instituted an inquiry into these proceedings, which they declared after investigation to be contrary to the established uniformity of the Craft. The Grand Lodge, upon complaint made, suspended the warrants of Lodges 19, 52 and 67, and having received the report of the Committee raised for that purpose, resolved that Molan ought not to be received as a Mason by the Lodges or brethren under its jurisdiction.

Throughout this controversy, the Grand Lodge acknowledged the right of all regular warranted Lodges, so far as they had ability and numbers to make Masons in the higher degrees; but lest differences might exist, or innovations be attempted in such higher degrees, which, for want of the proper place of appeal,

might create a schism among the brethren, they resolved that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter should be opened, under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge ; and that all past and present officers of the Grand Lodge, having duly obtained the degree of Royal Arch, and all past and existing officers of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, duly convened under the sanction of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be considered as members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter ; and that all members of the regular Chapters shall be admitted to the meetings, but without the right to vote or speak therein, unless requested. Here then, in 1795, we have the first Grand Chapter established in America, the statement of many eminent Companions to the contrary notwithstanding.

In 1797, a Grand Chapter was formed for six States, namely : New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont and New York.

In 1806, the General Grand Chapter of the United States was formed, four State Grand Chapters only being present, namely : Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont and New York. Thus your Committee has shown that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was formed two years before the Grand Chapter for the six States before named, and eleven years anterior to the formation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States !

It is a well-established historical fact, that the Royal Arch is the production of those seceders from the legitimate Grand Lodge of England, who afterwards formed the Athol Grand Lodge, of which in 1758, Lawrence Dermott was Grand Secretary, and subsequently Deputy Grand Master. Dermott framed Rules and Regulations for the government of this degree, and by them as to numbers, &c., the degree was controlled after its first introduction into America.

True, Doctor Oliver in his pleasant ' Revelations ' states, that Brother Dunkerley reconstructed Dermott's Royal Arch, and introduced it into the Grand Lodge of England ; but it is evident that in this country, at least down to the year 1800, the degree was supposed to be exclusively controlled by the Athol Grand Lodge. Your Committee, therefore, is not surprised that the Rules and Regulations for the government of this degree, published for the first time, as your Committee believe, in Dermott's *Ahiman Rezon*, edition 1794, should be readily adopted and

adhered to by Pennsylvania. These regulations recognized the Arch as the fourth degree, thus proving that Dermott was either unacquainted with the Mark and Most Excellent, or if he was, did not recognize them; the qualification required that a Brother should have presided over a warranted Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, being the supreme head of Masonry in that State, condemned the organization of the General Grand Chapter, (perfected at Middletown, Connecticut, in 1806,) and contended for the old Constitution, by which the Arch was considered as properly under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; and denying the expediency and legality of a separate supreme jurisdiction, took a step which, however it may be regretted, was from the force of circumstances perhaps the only means by which harmony could be maintained within her jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter was made independent of the Grand Lodge! having the power to elect its own Grand Officers; to make all needful laws, rules and regulations for its government; to regulate, superintend or control the by-laws, rules and regulations of subordinate Chapters; in short, to do every thing that may be by them deemed just and proper for the government of Royal Arch Masonry within their jurisdiction.

In proof of this, your Committee submit the following from the Constitution of the 'Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, adopted July 16, 1824:—'

"ARTICLE I. The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall be constituted of all the members of the Grand Lodge, for the time being, who are Royal Arch Masons, and have the honorary degree of Mark Masters, and being accepted and received Most Excellent Masters, and who have passed the chair by election, and are contributing members of some subordinate Chapter; of all High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, who are qualified as aforesaid; and of all Past High Priests of subordinate Chapters, under this jurisdiction, who are qualified as aforesaid, continuing members of such subordinate Chapters."

And in the second section of the above-named instrument, under the head of 'Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Chapter,' after enumerating the officers, is found the following:

“The Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer respectively, shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter.”

It will be perceived by the foregoing, that Pennsylvania established the first Grand Chapter in this country; that the rules and regulations for the government of the Arch degree were more closely adhered to by that body, than by many who now seek to condemn her; and that by its Constitutions and Regulations, the independence of the Grand Chapter is not only acknowledged, but the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters, are recognized as legitimately belonging to the system of Royal Arch Masonry, as taught in that jurisdiction. No objection can therefore exist as to its formation or government.

But Companions of Illinois state, ‘that one reason among others for excluding visitors hailing from Pennsylvania was, that their mode of working was *essentially* different from theirs.’

Your Committee has shown, he believes successfully, that the Royal Arch degree was worked in Pennsylvania as early as 1758, the ‘work’ probably obtained from the framers of the degree. Our Companions in that old Commonwealth preserved the same as much as possible from innovations and interpolations. At the formation of their Grand Chapter, the work was systematized and made as perfect as it was possible so to do; and your Committee presume they were content with their organization and their work. Why, then, should there be a difference so ‘*essential*’ as to debar the descendants of that old organization from being welcomed within the veils of the tabernacle, wherever in this country their lot might be cast? Has Pennsylvania wandered after strange gods, and did the money changers gain possession of her holy places? Has she in a spirit of wantonness, or in pursuit of novelty, uprooted those beautiful and comprehensive lectures of the ‘Holy Royal Arch’ entrusted to her charge nearly one hundred years ago?

Your Committee cannot better answer these interrogatories, than by presenting the following extract from Appendix to 16th Edition of Cross’s Chart:

“After the Grand Lodges of the several States had declared themselves free and independent, and the General Grand Chapter was formed, and organized in 1798, it was deemed advisable to adopt a regular and uniform mode of lecturing and work for the

whole; and, in order to accomplish this great desideratum, the expert workmen from various parts of the country met together."

"The work was completed and adopted fully by the year 1810. It was at this period the author commenced lecturing in the New England States, with all those bright and well-informed Masons who had been so assiduous in selecting and arranging the above system, which was by them adopted as the most correct. Taking the 'Ancient York Rite' for a standard, they selected from the 'Scottish Rite' those things which approximated to the former, and out of the two systems they formed a very perfect and complete set of lectures, which are beautiful in themselves, and have been preserved entire to the present hour."

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"Early in the year 1816, having been sanctioned as a Grand Lecturer by the officers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, and by other Grand Bodies, with a view of establishing this uniform mode of work and lectures, he repaired to the city of New York in the month of June, and attended the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, then in session. Receiving all necessary authority and instructions from that body, he proceeded on his tour, and visited several Lodges and Chapters in New Jersey, and from thence to Philadelphia; but owing to the fact that Pennsylvania had not acknowledged the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and declining still to do so, also their mode of work and lecturing being entirely different from that adopted by the General Grand Chapter, he passed on to Delaware."

Here we have the reason why the work of our Pennsylvania Companions is so *essentially* different.

The system taught by Brother Cross, completed in 1810, and composed of such heterogeneous materials, received the sanction of the General Grand Chapter, and Brother Cross, armed with authority, set forth to teach, and, if needs be, enforce this new-fangled system upon all Royal Arch Masons wherever congregated. In his wanderings he visits Philadelphia, but the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania not deeming it advisable to change its organization, or adopt the NEW system, declined receiving Brother Cross as a teacher.

What excuse can be offered for this high-handed act of the

General Grand Chapter? What defence can be set up for this compound substitute for the legitimate work and lecture of the Royal Arch? And who, your Committee would ask, has 'dis-honored its mother?' Those who countenanced that hybrid system 'perfected in 1810,' or those who adhered to the old work?

England, the birth-place of Royal Arch Masonry, whose children must be *healed* before they can visit us, might answer.

That Illinois is not supported in the course she has thought proper to pursue (towards Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masons) by the General Grand Bodies of the United States, will be readily admitted, when it is known that at this present writing there is not only a **LEGITIMATE** Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in that State, but a Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, the formation of which was authorized by the proper authorities, and whose subordinates were originally brought into existence by warrants from the General Grand Encampment; and when it is remembered that several of the officers of the General Grand Encampment are also officers and members of the General Grand Chapter, no one can for a moment doubt that if Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania was in the slightest particular doubtful, the subordinates and Grand Encampment would not have been countenanced in any way by the officers of the General Grand Encampment.

Is it not strange that the Arch Masonry of a State which produced such Masons as Joseph R. Chandler, George Wolf, Samuel Perkins, Josiah Randall, George M. Dallas and others, should now for the first time be questioned? Who, in 1836, at Harrisburg, so nobly defended our beloved institution from the attacks of the political inquisitors of that period? And who that have read their **PROTESTS**—manly, dignified, Masonic—but must have wished to grasp them by the hand and hail them as Brothers and Companions!

Theirs was a glorious triumph of principle over prejudice, of freedom over bigotry and oppression. Tried by the fires of persecution, they came forth like gold, doubly refined. Well might Pennsylvania boast of producing such incorruptible Masons, and long may she continue to rear such dauntless defenders of our time-honored Order.

Where, your Committee would respectfully ask our Compan-

ions of Illinois, was their 'mother' in these trying times, and what was she doing?

But Royal Arch Masons hailing from Virginia are also denied the right to visit. The Old Dominion has been weighed in the balance by our Companions 'over the water,' and found wanting. Not because there is an **ESSENTIAL** difference in *their* work; that excuse will not answer here, for it could at once be refuted. Indeed, our Companions do not condescend to give a single reason for the indignity thus offered to one of the most conservative and enlightened Royal Arch jurisdictions in the United States.

Now, your Committee will not write a single line in defence of Virginia Royal Arch Masonry, for it would be considered, and justly, a work of supererogation, but will merely set forth a fact or two in relation to the organization of this branch of Masonry in that old Commonwealth.

The system of Royal Arch Masonry worked in Virginia until the year 1820 was that introduced by Joseph Myers, a Deputy Inspector General of the Rite 'Ancient and Accepted,' or, as it is sometimes called, the Scottish Rite. In the year 1806, steps were taken towards organizing a Grand Chapter, which were completed in 1808; and, on the first day of May, in that year, 'The Most Excellent Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia' was formed, and held its first meeting in the 'Borough of Norfolk.' This system, so different from that of the present, was worked in Virginia, as before stated, until the year 1820, when, at the Grand Annual Communication in that year, Companion James Cushman, High Priest of Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Connecticut, being present, was requested to exemplify the mode of work adopted by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which he accordingly done in the several degrees of Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch; and this work was adopted, the organization of the Grand and subordinate Chapters changed so as to conform to the new system, and James Penn, now of Memphis, Tennessee, was elected Grand High Priest, E. John Dove Grand Secretary, and Companion James Cushman Grand Lecturer. Immediately after the re-formation of the Grand Chapter, as above detailed, a motion was made to unite with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which was ordered to lie on the table; a committee was appointed to obtain all necessary information in relation to this subject, and report next

meeting. The Grand Chapter of Virginia finally declined the alliance, and has gone on ever since, respected abroad for its Masonic intelligence and the moral worth of its members, and at home honored for its dignity, decorum and moderation; influencing, by the teachers which have gone forth from its jurisdiction, Royal Arch Masonry in several of the Southern and Western States, and preserving in unsullied purity the history, ritual and tradition of our beloved Order.

Your Committee have thus, in a brief and it may be desultory manner, endeavored to lay before you a sketch of the organization of two of the Royal Arch jurisdictions which have fallen under the displeasure of our sister Grand Chapter, and he believes that nothing appears which at all justifies the course adopted towards them.

As the case of Florida has been discussed in a former report by my predecessor, it is unnecessary to allude to it at this time, further than to state, that it is in the main a question of dollars and cents between itself and the General Grand Chapter, the blame resting, as your Committee believe, on the latter body.

By the foregoing, your Committee would not be understood as accusing our Illinois Companions of being actuated by other than pure motives, in the course they have thought proper to pursue. They no doubt honestly believed they had sufficient grounds for their acts, and when it is demonstrated that in this particular they committed a grave error, as well as great injustice, they will at once recede from their position; this your Committee is led to believe the more readily, from the honorable character and Masonic attainments of the Companions whose names are attached to the report.

If we would, in our several jurisdictions, attend more to home affairs, and apply ourselves zealously to the removal of any departures from the old landmarks which may be observable among us; if, remembering our own imperfections, we would look with kindness and forbearance upon the acts of our sister Grand Chapters, those causes of complaint which are so frequently introduced into foreign correspondence reports, and so much enlarged upon, would not be of such frequent occurrence, nor would their tone or language be so often a cause of complaint with some of our most esteemed and respected Companions.

In conclusion, let us of this jurisdiction set the example of for-

bearance, ever ready to contend for what we deem to be right. Let us do so in a calm and dispassionate manner, remembering that those who may differ from us are of the same household of faith, and entitled to courtesy at our hands.

In the cultivation and practice of the duties which devolve upon us we will give the best proof of our devotion to our beloved Order, and in the Masonic intelligence and moral worth of our Companions the true condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri will be best exhibited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. O'SULLIVAN."

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to furnish a copy of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Illinois, with Article IV of the Constitution, and "Admission of Members" in the Rules and Regulations, marked, in answer to inquiries by that Grand Chapter in their last printed proceedings.

The M. E. Grand High Priest reported on his second visit to Kittanning, to constitute the Chapter at that place; the consideration of which was postponed to October 20 next.

October 20, 1856.

Companions HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest arose and stated that the business of the evening would be resumed at the point when the Grand Chapter adjourned on October 6 last, namely, the sequestration of the warrant of Unity Chapter, No. 184, at Kittanning.

After considerable discussion, the whole matter was referred to a special Committee of five, three of whom shall be Past Grand High Priests, with directions to report at the meeting in November next.

Companions Past Grand High Priests Joseph S. Riley, Samuel H. Perkins and William Whitney, and Companions William English and George Griscom, were appointed said Committee.

November 17, 1856.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following Companions were duly elected to their respective offices, *viz.*:

Comp. JOHN C. SMITH,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ DANIEL THOMPSON,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON, . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The following was offered, and laid over under the rules:

Resolved, That the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter take place in the evening, instead of immediately after the closing of the Grand Lodge on St. John's Day next, as heretofore.

December 18, 1856.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The resolution not to pay any more money to the Grand Lodge came up for consideration, was slightly amended, and was then adopted.

The resolution to change the time of meeting was amended to read as follows, and was then adopted:

Resolved, That the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter take place in the evening, at 6 o'clock, instead of immediately after the closing of the Grand Lodge, on St. John's Day next, and annually thereafter.

December 27, 1856.

Companion HARMAN BAUGH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of the quarterly meeting, held November 17, 1856, as related to the election of officers were read and approved.

The *M. E. Grand High Priest*, Companion Baugh, delivered a short and appropriate address; after which—

All but Past High Priests retired, when Companion JOHN C.

SMITH, the *M. E. Grand High Priest* elect, was installed in due and ancient form, and being duly proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—

Comp. DANIEL THOMPSON was installed *M. E. Grand King.*

“ J. L. HUTCHINSON, “ . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 “ JOHN THOMSON, “ . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 “ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, “ . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

After having been separately proclaimed in their respective stations, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The *M. E. Grand High Priest*, Companion John C. Smith, announced the following appointments for the year 1857, to wit:

Comp. JOHN THORNLEY, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ WILLIAM ENGLISH, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ GEORGE H. ASHTON, . . .	<i>Grand H. R. A. Captain.</i>
“ JOHN BEENKEN, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
“ WILLIAM E. HARPUR, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
“ HENRY C. HOWELL, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ Rev. H. W. DUCACHET,	
“ “ EZRA S. ELY, . . .	
“ “ K. GODDARD, . . .	
“ “ WILLIAM COOPER, . . .	
“ “ ABEL C. THOMAS, . . .	
“ “ W. H. REESE, . . .	
“ JOSEPH McMULLIN, . . .	
“ WASHINGTON RICHARDS, . . .	
“ HARMAN YERKES, . . .	
“ GEORGE GRISCOM, . . .	
“ H. WEIR WORKMAN, . . .	
“ J. ALEX. SIMPSON, . . .	
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, . . .	
“ WILLIAM WHITNEY, . . .	
“ HENRY M. PHILLIPS, . . .	
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .	
“ JAMES SIMPSON, . . .	
“ OSCAR THOMPSON, . . .	

Grand Chaplains.

Grand Stewards.

Com. of Correspondence.

Com. on By-Laws.

Com. on Accounts.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Comp. A. M. POLLOCK, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Beaver, Lancaster and Armstrong.

“ _____, for the counties of Fayette and Washington.

“ ROBERT MODERWELL, of Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster.

“ A. J. SWARTZ, of Reading, for the county of Berks.

“ WILLIAM N. ROBBINS, of Minersville, for the counties of Schuylkill and Montour.

“ PHILIP KREBBS, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton and Lycoming.

“ R. C. SIMPSON, of Towanda, for the counties of Bradford and Susquehanna.

“ JOHN CRESSWELL, of Holidaysburg, for the counties of Blair, Cumberland and Franklin.

“ P. C. GRITMAN, of Carbondale, for the counties of Luzerne and Wyoming.

“ WILLIAM LILLY, of Mauch Chunk, for the counties of Carbon and Northampton.

“ BENJAMIN PARKE, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin and Northumberland.

Companion George W. Wood was authorized to have the “organ” kept in proper order for use.

February 16, 1857.

Companion JOHN C. SMITH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Virginia were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The report of the Committee on the sequestration of the warrant of Unity Chapter, No. 184, at Kittanning, was received, and the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the warrant of Unity Chapter, No. 184, be restored to the High Priest of said Chapter, and that the Chapter be authorized to proceed in the prosecution of their labors the same as if their warrant had never been sequestered.

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest issue his dispensation authorizing Unity Chapter, No. 184, to hold an election for High Priest, King and Scribe, and for Treasurer and Secretary, to

serve for the remainder of the Masonic year, ending on St. John's Day next, and that they make return of such election immediately thereafter to this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That in consequence of the happy arrangement just made of the restoration of Chapter No. 184 to the Companions of Kittanning, that the warrant issued as No. 188 be revoked, and declared null and of no effect.

May 18, 1857.

Companion JOHN C. SMITH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify all Chapters and Mark Lodges that have failed to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter respecting their annual returns, that unless such returns are made on or before the first day of November next, or a reasonable excuse be given for the non-compliance, the Grand Chapter will declare the warrants of such Chapters and Mark Lodges suspended.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion Jacob D. Rice, High Priest elect of Chapter No. 159 was introduced, and had the degree of Past High Priest conferred upon him in ancient form.

Printed proceedings were received from the following Grand Chapters, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: Florida, Wisconsin and North Carolina.

August 17, 1857.

Companion JOHN C. SMITH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received from sundry Companions in Pittsburg, relative to the work of Mark and Royal Arch degrees.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the communication just read be referred to a special Committee of five, to take the matter into consideration, together with any other matters conflicting in the Mark and Royal Arch work as practiced by the different Chapters and

Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companions Past Grand High Priests Joseph S. Riley, Samuel H. Perkins, William Whitney, David C. Skerrett and E. P. Lescure were appointed said Committee.

Printed communications were received and read from the following Grand Chapters, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: Arkansas, two pamphlets; Alabama, Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine; New York, two pamphlets; Michigan, Massachusetts, Vermont, Virginia, and address of General Grand Chapter of the United States.

November 16, 1857.

Companion JOHN C. SMITH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Printed proceedings of the following Grand Chapters for the year 1857 were referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: New York, Canada West, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Maine, Kentucky, Vermont and Georgia.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform all such Chapters as were notified in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Chapter, passed May 18, 1857, and have failed to comply therewith, that their warrants are hereby suspended.

The following Chapters were suspended:

Chapter No. 165, at Uniontown, returns wanting since 1853.
 Chapter No. 158, at Waynesburg, returns wanting since 1852.
 Chapter No. 170, at New Castle, returns wanting since 1851.
 Chapter No. 171, at Carlisle, returns wanting since 1856.
 Chapter No. 172, at Tunkhannock, no returns have been received.
 Chapter No. 176, at Chambersburg, returns wanting since 1853.
 Chapter No. 177, at Tamaqua, returns wanting since 1856.
 Chapter No. 167, at Rochester, returns wanted.

[NOTE.—The returns of Chapters No. 171 and No. 177 were received November 23, 1857; also Tunkhannock, for three years.]

The following Companions were elected to their several offices:
 Comp. DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*,
 (Comp. John C. Smith having declined a reëlection.)

Comp. BENJAMIN PARKE,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ PETER WILLIAMSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, .	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 28, 1857.

Companion JOHN C. SMITH, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held November 16, 1857, as relates to the election of officers were read and approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, the *M. E. Grand High Priest* elect, was installed in due and ancient form, and on being duly proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—
Comp. BENJAMIN PARKE was installed . . *M. E. Grand King.*

The *M. E. Grand High Priest* having announced to Companion PETER WILLIAMSON his election as *M. E. Grand Scribe*, that Companion declined the honor.

Comp. JOHN THOMSON was installed *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, “ *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Said Companions having been separately proclaimed in their respective stations, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The *M. E. Grand High Priest*, Companion Daniel Thompson, was pleased to announce the following appointments for the year 1858:

Comp. JOHN BEENKEN,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ WM. ENGLISH, .	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ JOHN L. YOUNG,	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ CHAS. GILPIN, .	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
“ GEO. W. HUFTY,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
“ GEORGE ALKINS,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
“ JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,	.	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER,	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Comp.	Rev. H. W. DUCACHET,	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
"	EZRA S. ELY, .	
"	KINGSTON GODDARD,	
"	Wm. COOPER, .	
"	ABEL C. THOMAS,	
"	Wm. H. REESE,	
"	JOHN CHAMBERS,	
"	Jos. McMULLIN, .	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
"	WASHINGTON RICHARDS,	
"	JOHN WILSON, SR., .	
"	GEORGE GRISCOM, .	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
"	GEORGE H. ASHTON, .	
"	J. A. SIMPSON, .	
"	Wm. H. ADAMS, .	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
"	Wm. WHITNEY, .	
"	HENRY M. PHILLIPS,	
"	Jos. S. RILEY, .	<i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
"	JAMES SIMPSON, .	
"	OSCAR THOMPSON, .	

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

- " THOS. DAVAGE, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Beaver, Lawrence and Armstrong.
- " WM. LAFFERTY, of Brownsville, for the counties of Fayette, Washington and Green.
- " ROBERT MODERWELL, of Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster.
- " HENRY R. HARMAN, of Reading, for the county of Berks.
- " WM. N. ROBINS, of Minersville, for the counties of Schuylkill, Montour and Columbia.
- " PHILIP KREBBS, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton and Lycoming.
- " E. O. GOODRICH, of Towanda, for the counties of Bradford and Susquehanna.
- " ALEX. M. LLOYD, of Holidaysburg, for the counties of Blair, Franklin and Mifflin.
- " P. C. GOTTMAN, of Carbondale, for the counties of Luzerne and Wyoming.
- " WM. LILLY, of Mauch Chunk, for the counties of Carbon and Northampton.

Comp. HERMAN M. JOHNSON, of Carlisle, for the counties of Dauphin, Northumberland and Cumberland.

The following resolution was reported by a special Committee on application of Companions in Pittsburg, but was postponed to a future meeting:

Resolved, That the District Deputy Grand High Priest of the District of Pittsburg be requested to visit Philadelphia for the purpose of being fully instructed in the work established by the Grand Chapter as per resolutions of date, November 18, 1850, in the Mark degree, and also of October 2, 1851, in the Royal Arch degree, the expenses of visiting to be paid by the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that an election for M. E. Grand Scribe would be held on the third Monday in January, and directed the Grand Secretary to notify the members.

The following was offered by Past Grand High Priest Companion Harmac Baugh, and adopted:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to appoint a Committee of five, to be styled a Committee on Work.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Joseph S. Riley, D. C. Skerrett, H. Baugh, R. Frazer and John Thomson as said Committee on Work.

The Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter was directed to pay to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge one thousand dollars.

The Grand Secretary asked permission to appoint a Deputy Grand Secretary; which being granted, Companion William H. Adams, Grand Secretary, appointed Companion George H. Ashton his deputy, which was approved by the Grand Chapter.

January 16, 1858.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

In accordance with the orders of the M. E. Grand High Priest an election was held, and Companion HARMAN YERKES was elected *M. E. Grand Scribe*, to serve for the balance of the Masonic year; after which, he was duly installed *M. E. Grand Scribe* in ancient form, and received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

February 15, 1858.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Printed proceedings were received from the following Grand Chapters, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: Illinois, South Carolina, Texas and Arkansas.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the necessary expenses of the M. E. Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter in attending the meetings of the Grand Chapter or its Committees, or in visiting the subordinate Chapters, be paid by the Grand Treasurer upon the order of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

May 17, 1858.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received from Mark Lodge No. 215, at Kittanning, Armstrong county, returning the warrant of said Mark Lodge.

Printed proceedings were received from the following Grand Chapters, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Florida, Alabama and Louisiana.

The following report from the Committee on Work was received:

The Committee appointed by you some time since to define what is the true work in the Mark and Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges, also in the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, have attended to the duty assigned them; they have had many meetings, and calmly, carefully and dispassionately considered the whole subject committed to them. Your Committee are now prepared to make their report, but as they deem it inexpedient and improper to report in writing, they propose to do it by exemplification, at such time and place as the Grand Chapter may fix and determine.

(Signed by the Committee.)

On motion duly made, and seconded, it was *Resolved*, That the third Monday in June next be set apart for the exemplification

of the work as per report of the Committee just made, and that each Chapter throughout the State be notified.

Companion Joseph S. Riley offered the following for the consideration of the Companions, viz.:

Whereas, By the report of the Committee on Accounts, made this evening, it appears that the annual income of this Grand Chapter has continued to increase until, as is shown in the report of the Committee, to be over four times the amount of the annual disbursement, viz., the receipts being \$1,334.23, while the payments were but \$320.50.

And whereas, The Grand Chapter has no provision made for charitable purposes, whereby relief may be afforded to worthy and deserving Companions, their widows or children, who may be in necessitous circumstances; therefore, be it

Resolved, That one-half of the income of this Grand Chapter be appropriated and specifically set apart for the purpose of forming a "Charity Fund" for the relief of worthy Companions, their widows and children, who may be in circumstances as justly to need our assistance.

Resolved, also, That the Grand High Priest and the Grand Treasurer, for the time being, be charged with the duty of annually investing the same, also any income growing out of said investment, until the same shall amount to the capital sum of five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the above provisions go into effect this year. When the above "Fund" shall have attained the sum of five thousand dollars it shall be the duty of this Grand Chapter to make provision for its just and equitable disposition.

The attention of the Grand Chapter was called to the number of "*markings*" taking place in one evening, and asking some restrictions as to number.

The matter was left to the Committee on Work.

The following was offered, and was laid over:

Resolved, That in addition to the Standing Committees named in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, there be also one to be styled the "Committee on Work," to consist of five members, to whom all matters in relation to the work of the Chapter shall be referred.

June 21, 1858.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced that he had appointed Companion WM. H. ODENHEIMER to be *Grand Chaplain*.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that the Committee on Work were ready to make report.

Companion Joseph S. Riley said that the Committee had labored hard and very harmoniously, and were ready to make an exemplification of work.

The Committee then commenced with the Mark Master's degree:

Comp. HARMAN BAUGH, as	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON, as	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
" DAVID C. SKERRETT, as	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
" JOSEPH S. RILEY, as	<i>Principal Overseer.</i>

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the work as exemplified and amended be adopted, and the same to be used hereafter as the established work of this Grand Chapter.

June 22, 1858.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Agreeably to the announcement made last evening, the Committee on Work proceeded to exemplify the Most Excellent Master's degree:

Comp. ROBERT FRAZER, as	<i>Master.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON, as	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
" DAVID C. SKERRETT, as	<i>Junior Warden.</i>

After considerable interchange of opinion it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the work as exemplified by the Committee be adopted, the same to be used hereafter as the established work of the Grand Chapter.

The work of the Royal Arch degree was then exemplified by Comp. D. C. SKERRETT, as *M. E. High Priest.*

" R. FRAZER, as	<i>Principal Sojourner.</i>
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On motion, *Resolved*, That the work of the Royal Arch degree

as exemplified by the Committee be adopted, the same to be used hereafter as the established work of the Grand Chapter.

They also reported that the introduction of music into this degree was of recent date, and should not be allowed.

In the giving of honors, nine are to be given to the M. E. Grand High Priest, six to the M. E. Grand King and M. E. Grand Scribe, and three to the M. E. Grand Treasurer and M. E. Grand Secretary.

The Committee further reported the appointment of three additional subordinate officers in each of the degrees, viz., a Pursuivant in the centre, a Senior Master of Ceremonies on his right, and a Junior Master of Ceremonies on his left; the Royal Arch Captain's station to be inside the inner vail.

The number of candidates to be received at one time is as follows: nine in the Mark degree, six in the Most Excellent degree, and three in the Royal Arch degree.

To all the foregoing the Grand Chapter gave an almost unanimous vote of approval.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to the Committee for their lucid exemplification of the work which they have submitted to the Grand Chapter.

August 16, 1858.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application for a warrant for a new Chapter, to be held at Altoona, was received and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The printed proceedings of the following Grand Chapters were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: California, Connecticut, Georgia, Michigan and Missouri.

The Committee on Work recommended that the petition to a Mark Master Masons' Lodge, of one not a Sojourner, shall be presented at a stated meeting of the Lodge, and shall lie over for at least one month before a ballot thereon. They further recommend that a candidate to be entitled to the privilege of being marked as a Sojourner must be in such a situation as renders it impossible for him to wait the delay of one month, he being really

about to leave the place on a distant journey before the month would expire.

The resolution offered at the Communication held May 17 last, to appoint a Committee on Work, was adopted.

The following Companions were appointed said Committee on Work: Companions Joseph S. Riley, D. C. Skerrett, Harman Baugh, John Thomson and Robert Frazer.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of five Companions be appointed, whose duty it shall be to revise the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, and recommend such alterations and amendments thereto as in their best judgment, on careful consideration, they shall consider proper and expedient, and report at the next Quarterly Grand Communication.

The following were appointed said Committee: Companions George Griscom, David C. Skerrett, Theo. T. Johnson, Robert Frazer and Jeremiah L. Hutchinson.

The following were adopted :

Resolved, That all standing resolutions on the record of this Grand Chapter which have a bearing on the permanent government of the Grand Chapter be referred to aforesaid Committee of five.

Resolved, That the Committee on Work be directed to inquire into and report on the proper regalia and jewels for the officers of the Grand and subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges.

A resolution to reconsider that portion of the Committee on Work which forbids more than nine Mark Master Masons to be made at one time was lost.

On motion, *Resolved*, That any resolution or regulations of this Grand Chapter that conflicts with the report of the Committee on Work, May 17, June 21 and June 22, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to make the following appointments :

Comp. GEO. W. WOOD, . *Grand Pursuivant.*

“ EDWD. ROBINSON, . *Senior Master of Ceremonies.*

“ MICHAEL NISBET, . *Junior Master of Ceremonies.*

“ W. F. OWEN, of Conneautville, to be

District Deputy Grand High Priest.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Whereas, The Committee on Work reported by exemplification on the 21st and 22d of June, and said report was adopted as showing the true work of the Grand Chapter; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary inform all the Lodges and Chapters under this jurisdiction of the fact, and require them to conform to the same.

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November 15, 1858.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Applications were read for warrants for new Chapters, to be held at Norristown, Meadville and Phoenixville; which were referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

A communication from Chapter No. 152, appointing a Companion *proxy* for the King and Scribe of said Chapter, represented with the jewels, was read, and decided to be out of order by the Grand High Priest; he taking the position that no individual member of the Grand Chapter can delegate his authority, but that the Chapter can.

The Grand King asked the question, if he voted his own vote whether that vote would prevent the Chapter (having its proxy) from voting? The Grand High Priest decided that it would not effect the vote of the proxy.

The following Companions were elected to their respective offices:

Comp. DANIEL THOMPSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ BENJAMIN PARKE,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ HARMAN YERKES,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The Grand High Priest decided that sojourners (applying for the Mark degree) must be over one month, and that it is not necessary for a Brother intending to take the Mark degree to become a member of the Mark Lodge.

December 27, 1858.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held November 15, 1858, as relates to the election of officers were read and approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion DANIEL THOMPSON was installed *M. E. Grand High Priest*, and being duly proclaimed, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—

Comp. BENJ. PARKE	was installed	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" HARMAN YERKES,	"	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	"	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	"	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

Said Companions having been separately proclaimed in their respective stations, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to announce the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year:

Comp. JOHN BEENKEN,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
" WILLIAM ENGLISH,	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
" JOHN L. YOUNG,	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
" CHARLES GILPIN,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
" GEORGE W. HUFTY,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
" GEORGE ALKINS,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
" JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,	.	.	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
" WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER,	.	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" GEORGE W. WOOD,	.	.	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" WILLIAM H. HOOPER,	.	.	<i>S. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
" WASHINGTON RICHARDS,	.	.	<i>J. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
" Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS,			
" " W. M. H. ODENHEIMER,			
" " K. GODDARD,	.		
" " WILLIAM COOPER,			
" " ABEL C. THOMAS,			
" " WILLIAM H. REESE,			
" " B. C. WAUGH,	.		

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. GEORGE GRISCOM,	.	} <i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
" GEORGE H. ASHTON,	.	
" J. ALEX. SIMPSON,	.	} <i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	
" WILLIAM WHITNEY,	.	} <i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
" H. M. PHILLIPS,	.	
" JOSEPH S. RILEY,	.	} <i>Committee on Work.</i>
" JAMES SIMPSON,	.	
" OSCAR THOMPSON,	.	} <i>Committee on Work.</i>
" JOSEPH S. RILEY,	.	
" DAVID C. SKERRETT,	.	} <i>Committee on Work.</i>
" HARMAN BAUGH,	.	
" ROBERT FRAZER,	.	} <i>Committee on Work.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	.	

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

- " ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Northumberland, Cumberland and Franklin.
- " CHARLES E. WENTZ, of Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster.
- " ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, of Holidaysburg, for the counties of Blair and Mifflin.
- " THOMAS DAVAGE, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Beaver, Lawrence and Armstrong.
- " WILLIAM LAFFERTY, of Brownsville, for the counties of Fayette, Washington and Green.
- " HENRY R. HAWMAN, of Reading, for the county of Berks.
- " WILLIAM N. ROBINS, of Minersville, for the counties of Schuylkill, Montour and Columbia.
- " HARRISON T. BEARDSLEY, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton and Lycoming.
- " E. O. GOODRICH, of Towanda, for the counties of Bradford and Susquehanna.
- " RICHARD A. OAKFORD, of Scranton, for the counties of Luzerne and Wyoming.
- " WILLIAM LILLY, of Mauch Chunk, for the counties of Carbon and Northampton.
- " WILLIAM F. OWEN, of Conneautville, for the counties of Crawford and Erie.

February 21, 1859.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Companion William H. Hooper, M. E. High Priest elect of Chapter No. 169, was duly installed, and had the degree of High Priest conferred upon him, all but Past High Priests having retired.

An application for a warrant for a new Chapter to be held at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, was read, and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The following printed proceedings of Grand Chapters were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: A compilation of the By-Laws and Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, also a list of members for 1859; Grand Chapters of Kentucky, Illinois, New York, Texas and Maine.

The Committee on Regalia made a report, which was ordered to be printed, and the designs of the jewels to be lithographed for the use of the members of the Grand Chapter, and the consideration of the report deferred until the next Quarterly Communication.

The Committee on the Constitution made a report, which was ordered to be printed, and the consideration of the same deferred until the next Quarterly Communication.

The resolution of May 17, 1858, in relation to a Grand Chapter Charity Fund was called up, when the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars of the funds now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer be appropriated as the foundation of a Grand Chapter Charity Fund, and that the same be invested by the Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer for that purpose.

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Committee on the Constitution, to devise and report a plan for the establishment, regulation and government of a Grand Chapter Charity Fund.

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May 16, 1859.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The report of the Committee on Jewels and Regalia was read; and, on motion, the report and resolutions thereto attached were adopted.

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the regalia of the Grand and subordinate Chapters, respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and would recommend to the Grand Chapter the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That the insignia of the jewels of the various officers of the Grand Chapter shall be respectively as follows, viz.:

That of the Grand High Priest, a Mitre surmounted by the Triple Tau.

- “ “ Grand King, a Crown.
- “ “ Grand Scribe, a Turban.
- “ “ Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys.
- “ “ Grand Secretary, Crossed Pens.
- “ “ Past Grand High Priests, the Seven-Pointed Star.
- “ “ District Deputy Grand High Priests, the Equilateral Triangle.
- “ “ Grand Captain of the Host, Soldier with drawn Sword.
- “ “ Grand Principal Sojourner, Pilgrim with Staff.
- “ “ Grand Royal Arch Captain, Cross-Hilted Swords, crossed.
- “ “ Grand Masters of the Vails, Cross-Hilted Sword.
- “ “ Grand Chaplains, the Bible.
- “ “ Grand Marshal, Crossed Batons.
- “ “ Grand Masters of Ceremony, Crossed Wands.
- “ “ Grand Pursuivant, Sabre crossed with Trumpet.
- “ “ Grand Tyler, Crossed Sabres.

That each of the before-named insignia (except that for the District Deputy Grand High Priests) shall be attached to an equilateral triangle, and the triangle placed on a circle.

That the triangles and circles of the jewels of the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe shall each have a raised border on its inner and on its outer edge. The triangle of the Grand High Priest's jewel shall have a seven-pointed star in each of its angles; that of the Grand King in each of its lower angles, and that of the Grand Scribe in its upper angle.

That the triangles and circles of the jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priests shall each have a raised border on its outer edge. Those of all other officers shall be plain.

That the jewels of office of the Grand Chapter and the medal of the Order shall be of gold or gilt, and shall be of the sizes and designs exhibited in the drawings hereunto annexed; and that the jewels of the offices of subordinate Chapters shall be without

the circles, but in all other respects shall be similar to those of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the apron of the Order shall be of white lamb-skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented scarlet and purple border, two inches wide; the scarlet part pointing inward—the border of the flap or lappet, to be only an inch wide. In the centre of the flap shall be a triangle of satin, surmounted with a gold border, and within the triangle the triple tau in gold spangled embroidery, and two gold tassels shall be suspended by ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap. The ground of the triangle, the lining and strings of the aprons, and the ribbons suspending the tassels, shall be purple for the officers of the Grand Chapter, scarlet for the officers of subordinate Chapters, and for all other Companions white.

That the jewels of office worn by the officers of the Grand Chapter shall be suspended by a collar of ribbed silk, four inches in width, of three colors, viz.: blue, scarlet and purple, in the order named, the blue on the inner edge. The jewels of office worn by the officers of subordinate Chapters shall be suspended by a scarlet collar of ribbed silk, four inches in width; and that the medal of the Order be worn on the left breast, appended according to the rank of the Companion by a ribbon of ribbed silk, three-fourths of an inch wide, as follows, viz.: present and past elective officers of the Grand Chapter, tri-colored, corresponding with collar; present and past elective officers of subordinate Chapters, scarlet, corresponding with collar; all other Companions white.

Resolved, That the jewels of the Most Excellent Master and Mark Master Masons' Lodges shall be the same as those of a Master Masons' Lodge, and that the collars and trimmings of the aprons shall be blue and scarlet; the blue of one-half the width of the collar or trimming, occupying the middle, and the scarlet placed on either side.

JOSEPH S. RILEY,
DAVID C. SKERRETT,
HARMAN BAUGH,
ROBERT FRAZER,
JOHN THOMSON,
Committee.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the report of the Committee on the Constitution ; when, on motion, the reading was dispensed with, and the Constitution taken up Article by Article.

Section 1, Article I, was read, when the following amendment was offered :

Strike out all after the word "of" in the third line, and insert the following :

" All members of the Grand Lodge, for the time being, who are Royal Arch Masons, and who have received the honorary degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master, and who have passed the chair of a Lodge by election, and who are contributing members of some subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction."

Several amendments were offered and withdrawn, when the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest informed the Grand Chapter that in conformity to the instructions of the Grand Chapter, and in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, he had invested one thousand dollars in City six per cent. loan, as the foundation of a Grand Chapter Charity Fund.

An application for a warrant for a new Chapter at Wellsboro, Tioga county, was read ; and, on motion, was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Printed proceedings of the following Grand Chapters were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin and Canada.

A resolution to make the number Marked at one time to be eighteen, and this number to extend to those receiving the Most Excellent degree, was laid on the table.

August 15, 1859.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was received for a warrant for a new Chapter at Pittsburg, which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Printed proceedings were received from the following Grand

Chapters, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: South Carolina, Georgia, Iowa, Indiana, Mississippi and Wisconsin.

November 21, 1859.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was received for a warrant for a new Chapter, at Johnstown, Cambria county. Referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

A similar application for a new Chapter at Pottsville, was also referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Printed proceedings were received from the following Grand Chapters, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana and Maine.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Jewels, Aprons and Collars be authorized to procure seventeen sets of regalia for the officers of the Grand Chapter; ten sets of Past Grand High Priests' regalia, and one hundred fine stitched aprons for the members.

Resolved, That the officers be required, and the Past Officers of subordinate Chapters be requested, to wear their regalia as such at all the meetings of the Grand Chapter.

The following resolution, offered at the last Quarterly Communication, was adopted:

Resolved, That the rules regulating the number of brethren to be Marked at the one time (which passed June 22, 1858) be so amended as to strike out "nine," and insert "eighteen."

The following Companions were elected to their respective offices:

Comp. BENJAMIN PARKE,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
" HARMAN YERKES,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 27, 1859.

Companion DANIEL THOMPSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication, held November 21, 1859, as relates to the election of officers, were read and approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion BENJAMIN PARKE was installed *M. E. Grand High Priest*, and being duly proclaimed, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—

Comp. HARMAN YERKES was installed *M. E. Grand King*.

“ J. L. HUTCHINSON, “ . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 “ JOHN THOMSON, “ . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 “ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, “ . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Said Companions having been separately proclaimed in their respective stations, received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to announce the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year, 1860:

Comp. WILLIAM ENGLISH, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ JOHN L. YOUNG, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ GEORGE W. HUFTY, . . .	<i>Grand H. R. A. Captain.</i>
“ THEODORE T. JOHNSON, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
“ MICHAEL NISBET, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
“ GEORGE ALKINS, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
“ HARMAN BAUGH, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ GEORGE W. WOOD, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WASHINGTON L. BLADEN, . . .	<i>S. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ WASHINGTON RICHARDS, . . .	<i>J. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS,	
“ “ H. W. DUCACHET,	
“ “ WILLIAM A. REESE,	
“ “ B. R. WAUGH,	
“ “ D. WASHBURN,	
“ “ J. F. WILBUR,	
“ “ JOSEPH CASTLE,	
“ “ R. W. OLIVER,	

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. GEORGE GRISCOM,		
" GEORGE H. ASHTON,		{ <i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
" J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,		
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS,		{ <i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
" SAMUEL H. PERKINS,		
" HENRY M. PHILLIPS,		
" JOSEPH S. RILEY,		{ <i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
" JAMES SIMPSON,		
" OSCAR THOMSON,		
" JOSEPH S. RILEY,		{ <i>Com. on Work.</i>
" D. C. SKERRETT,		
" JOHN THOMSON,		
" ROBERT FRAZER,		
" DANIEL THOMPSON,		

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

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1. Comp. ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry and Juniata.
2. " WILLIAM A. ATLEE, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster and York.
3. " JOHN F. BELMER, of Reading, for the counties of Berks and Lebanon.
4. " JAMES M. PORTER, of Easton, for the counties of Northampton and Monroe.
5. " WILLIAM N. ROBBINS, of Minersville, for the county of Schuylkill.
6. " WILLIAM R. OATES, of Mauch Chunk, for the counties of Carbon and Lehigh.
7. " RICHARD A. OAKFORD, of Scranton, for the county of Luzerne.
8. " JOHN V. SMITH, of Tunkhannock, for the counties of Wyoming and Sullivan.
9. " GEORGE L. STONE, of Montrose, for the counties of Susquehanna, Wayne and Pike.
10. " E. O. GOODRICH, of Towanda, for the counties of Bradford and Lycoming.
11. " JESSE C. HORTON, of Northumberland, for the counties of Northumberland, Union and Snyder.
12. " JOHN K. ROBBINS, of Catawissa, for the counties of Columbia and Montour.

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13. Comp. ROBERT C. SIMPSON, of Wellsboro, for the counties of Tioga, Potter and McKean.
14. " HARRISON T. BEARDSLEY, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton, Centre, Clearfield, Elk and Forrest.
15. " EDWARD H. TURNER, of Altoona, for the counties of Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon and Mifflin.
16. " WILLIAM HEYSER, of Chambersburg, for the connties of Franklin, Bedford and Fulton.
17. " RICHARD COULTER, of Greensburg, for the counties of Westmoreland, Somerset and Indiana.
18. " ALFRED CREIGH, of Washington, for the counties of Washington, Fayette and Green.
19. " THOMAS DAVAGE, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany and Butler.
20. " SAMUEL R. WILSON, of Rochester, for the counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.
21. " ROBERT E. BROWN, of Kittanning, for the counties of Armstrong, Clarion and Jefferson.
22. " WILLIAM F. OWEN, of Conneautville, for the counties of Crawford, Erie, Warren and Venango.

All but Past High Priests who had received the degree having retired, Companion Beverly R. Waugh, High Priest of Chapter No. 21, and Companion Henry Huhn, Past High Priest of Chapter No. 177, were separately introduced, and had the degree of High Priest conferred on them.

February 20, 1860.

Companion BENJAMIN PARKE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

May 21, 1860.

Companion BENJAMIN PARKE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was received for a warrant for a new Chapter at Lebanon; which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The printed proceedings of the following Grand Chapters were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: California, Virginia, Louisiana, Wisconsin and Vermont.

The Committee on Regalia were ordered to procure caps for all the officers.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made a verbal report, that the whole of the Grand Officers could not agree in granting a warrant for the Chapter at Phœnixville; on motion, the Grand Officers were discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion, a warrant was granted to Phœnixville Chapter, No. 198.

The following resolution was offered, to be called up for action at a future meeting:

Resolved, That hereafter no warrant for the opening of a new Chapter be granted, unless the Grand Officers are satisfied that the Companions named on the application as the first officers of the new Chapter are competent to open and close the Chapter, and that this be certified by the recommenders of the application.

Companion Griscom, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, reported verbally that said Committee were not able to report at this meeting, but would certainly have a full report by the next Communication of the Grand Chapter.

August 20, 1860.

Companion HARMAN YERKES, *M. E. Grand King*, acting as *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was received for a warrant for a new Chapter at New Brighton, and the Grand Secretary stated that there were some irregularities in the Chapter, in which four of the applicants were exalted. The whole matter was referred to the Grand Officers.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made a statement to the Grand Chapter in relation to the incompetency of the High Priest, chosen in the application for a Chapter at Phœnixville, to fill said station, he not being a member of any Chapter.

The Grand Secretary was directed to write to the Companions at Phœnixville, informing them of the above facts.

The printed proceedings were received from the following Grand Chapters, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: Maine, Indiana, North Carolina, Missouri and Mississippi.

On motion, a Committee of five were appointed, consisting of Companions Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, Joseph S. Riley, Charles Gilpin, Samuel C. Perkins, and J. Alex. Simpson, to revise the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, and make such other suggestions as the Committee may deem proper.

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November 19, 1860.

Companion BENJAMIN PARKE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

This being the evening for the election of Grand Officers, the *M. E. Grand High Priest*, in a few remarks, stated his appreciation of the confidence testified by the Grand Chapter in electing him twice to fill the office of Grand King, and once as Grand High Priest; that he had endeavored to discharge the duties of the office faithfully, and with a view to the best interests of the Grand Chapter; that, thankful to the Companions and the Grand Chapter for the assistance and support afforded him in the discharge of his duties, he desired to say that he must positively decline being a candidate for reëlection, his residence in one of the northern counties rendering it inconvenient for him to give that time and attention to the duties of the office that it required, and as he himself would wish.

Past Grand High Priest Companion William Barger presented himself at the door for admission. A question was raised as to his reception, and the manner, he being a Past Grand High Priest but not a contributing member to any subordinate Chapter at this time.

The *M. E. Grand High Priest* decided that the rule practiced in the Grand Lodge is the rule in the Grand Chapter, in all cases where no provision is made in the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, and as a Past Grand Master is a member of the Grand Lodge for life, so should the Past Grand High Priests be members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for life, and be received with the customary honors. Wherenpon Past Grand High Priest Companion William Barger was admitted.

The following Companions were elected to their respective offices :

Comp. HARMAN YERKES,	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ J. L. HUTCHINSON,	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>

Comp. GEO. W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " PETER WILLIAMSON, *M. E. Grand Treasurer,*
 (Comp. John Thomson declining a reëlection.)
 " WILLIAM H. ADAMS, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Chapter in reference to Phœnixville Chapter be rescinded, and the Companions applying have leave to withdraw their application.

Companion Thomas Davage inquired whether the District Deputy Grand High Priests had power to issue dispensations to confer the Chapter degrees.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in reply, stated that they had no such power.

Companion Davage further inquired : A brother is a member of a Lodge, in good standing, is anxious to become a member of a Chapter, but is fearful of being rejected. His petition is brought into the Chapter, but is not presented. Shortly afterwards a new Chapter is formed, and the brother applies to the three officers of the new Chapter for a recommendation to a neighboring Chapter, and such recommendation is granted, the brother goes some thirty miles to such Chapter and has the Royal Arch degrees conferred on him. My question is, had the officers a right to grant such recommendation ?

The M. E. Grand High Priest replied in the negative, that such recommendation must come from the Chapter, and not from the officers.

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December 27, 1860.

Companion BENJAMIN PARKE, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication held November 18, 1860, as related to the election of officers were read and approved.

Before going into the regular business of the evening, the M. E. Grand High Priest, on behalf of many friends, presented Past Grand High Priest Companion Harman Baugh with a splendid gold medal, as a token of esteem and respect, which was received by Companion Baugh in a few heartfelt remarks.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered an address, after which he installed Companion HARMAN YERKES *M. E. Grand*

High Priest, in the presence of High Priests only who had received the degree of High Priests.

Comp. J. L. HUTCHINSON was installed *M. E. Grand King.*

“ GEORGE W. WOOD, “ . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*

“ PETER WILLIAMSON, “ . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, “ . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

An application for a new Chapter at Phœnixville was read, and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The Grand Secretary presented a tabular statement of the labors and conditions of the Chapters and Mark Lodges throughout the jurisdiction, showing a list of forty-three Chapters and three Mark Lodges in the State, nine of which have failed to make their returns.

The work for 1859, to December 27, was: 350 Mark Masons, 296 Most Excellent Masons, 204 Exalted, and 2,195 registered Royal Arch Masons. The three Mark Lodges have 713 members.

Printed proceedings were received from several Grand Chapters, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year:

Comp. SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ CHARLES M. HOWELL,	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ HENRY J. WHITE,	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ PETER A. KEYSER,	.	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
“ RICHARD WILDEY,	.	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
“ ALFRED R. POTTER,	.	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
“ HARMAN BAUGH,	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ WM. B. SCHNIDER,	.	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ JOHN L. YOUNG,	.	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ ALFRED T. JONES,	.	<i>S. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ JOSEPH H. HEDGES,	.	<i>J. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS,		
“ “ H. W. DUCACHET,		
“ “ WM. H. REESE,		
“ “ B. H. WAUGH,		
“ “ DANIEL WASHBURN,		
“ “ JOHN F. WILBUR,		
“ “ JOSEPH CASTLE,		
“ “ ROBT. W. OLIVER,		
“ “ THOS. K. CONRAD,		
		<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>

Comp. GEORGE GRISCOM,	.	}	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
“ CHAS. GILPIN,	.		
“ J. ALEX. SIMPSON,	.		
“ WM. H. ADAMS,	.		
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	.	}	<i>Com. on By-Laws.</i>
“ GEO. H. ASHTON,	.		
“ JOS. S. RILEY,	.		
“ JAS. SIMPSON,	.		
“ WM. ENGLISH,	.	}	<i>Com. on Accounts.</i>
“ JOS. S. RILEY,	.		
“ JOHN THOMSON,	.		
“ DAVID C. SKERRETT,	.		
“ ROBT. FRAZER,	.	}	<i>Com. on Work.</i>
“ DANIEL THOMPSON,	.		

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

No.

1. Comp. ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Lancaster, Cumberland, Franklin and Lebanon.
2. “ GEO. H. McCABE, of Tamaqua, for the counties of Schuylkill and Berks.
3. “ W. R. OTIS, of Mauch Chunk, for the counties of Carbon and Northampton.
4. “ RICHARD A. OAKFORD, of Scranton, for the counties of Luzerne, Wyoming and Susquehanna.
5. “ ROBT. C. SIMPSON, of Wellsboro, for the counties of Tioga and Bradford.
6. “ JOHN K. ROBBINS, of Catawissa, for the counties of Columbia, Montour and Northumberland.
7. “ H. F. BEARDSLEY, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton, Lycoming and Centre.
8. “ E. H. TURNER, of Altoona, for the counties of Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon and Mifflin.
9. “ ALFRED CREIGH, of Washington, for the counties of Washington, Fayette and Greene.
10. “ THOS. DAVAGE, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Westmoreland, Beaver and Armstrong.
11. “ WM. F. OWEN, of Conneautville, for the counties of Crawford and Erie.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by Companion Samuel C. Perkins, were adopted:

Whereas, The official term of Companion Benjamin Parke, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, closes this night, and it is fitting and appropriate that some expression should be given to the feelings of the Grand Chapter at his retirement from this high office.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania have regarded with great and fraternal satisfaction the able, impartial and faithful manner in which Companion Benjamin Parke has fulfilled the responsible duties of the eminent office to which he was called by the suffrages of his Companions.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter learned with regret the determination of Companion Parke to decline a reëlection to the Oriental chair, and hereby express their heartfelt and most fraternal wishes that his future earthly life may long continue in peace, happiness and prosperity, and when he shall be called to pass through the great vail which separates time from eternity, may he be found in possession of the true signet which shall insure his dwelling forever in the eternal temple of light, where the Great I Am ever liveth and ruleth in indescribable glory.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter have heard with great pleasure and profit the very interesting, highly instructive and eloquent address delivered this evening by Companion Parke, upon his retirement from the chair, and most earnestly request the same for publication.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly authenticated, be prepared under the direction of the Grand Officers and presented to Companion Parke.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion Peter A. Keyser was installed as High Priest of Chapter No. 169, and the degree of High Priest conferred upon him; the warrant of the Chapter being present.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when the following, offered by Companion Past Grand High Priest Parke, was adopted:

Resolved, That the warmest thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and hereby given to our worthy and respected Companion John Thomson, who for the past eighteen years has so satisfactorily performed the duties of Grand Treasurer of this M. E.

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter. The accuracy and fidelity which have characterized all his official acts, with the uniform exemplary deportment which has marked his character as a Companion, has endeared him to all the Craft and won that good name which is better than precious ointment.

A resolution was also adopted that the report of Committee on Correspondence, when prepared, be referred to the Grand Officers and Committee on Work, and, if approved, be printed.

Companion Benjamin Parke expressed his thanks for the complimentary resolutions, and his willingness to place his address at the disposal of the Grand Chapter for printing.

February 18, 1861.

Companion JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand King*, as *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An appeal was received from Mountain Chapter, No. 196, in relation to the rejection of Brother J. A. L. T——, his subsequent approval, and then an objection being made by a Companion as to the degrees being conferred on the applicant.

The whole subject was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Companions Jos. S. Riley, Harman Baugh and D. C. Skerrett.

A report was received from the Committee on Correspondence: *To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania*:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that their chairman has received through our M. E. Grand Secretary printed reports of the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, since our last report, October 6, 1856, as follows, to wit:

Alabama—December 1, 1856; December 8, 1857.

Arkansas—October 29, 1857; October 30, 1857; November, 1857; November, 1860.

California—May, 1858.

Connecticut—September 9, 1856; May 12, 1857; May 11, 1858.

Florida—January 12, 1857; January, 1858.

Georgia—April, 1857; April, 1858.

Illinois—October, 1857; September, 1860.

Indiana—May, 1857.

Iowa—May, 1857, and also the proceedings for the years 1859 and 1860.

Kentucky—October, 1856; October, 1857.

Louisiana—February 9, 1858; February 4, 1860.

Maine—April 30, 1856; May, 1857; May, 1858; May 10, 1860.

Massachusetts—March, 1855, to June, 1856; and from December, 1855, to September, 1860.

Michigan—January, 1856; January, 1857; January 11, 1858.

Mississippi—January, 1858.

Missouri—May, 1858.

New York—February, 1856; February, 1857.

North Carolina—June, 1856; June, 1857; June, 1859.

Ohio—October 16, 1857.

South Carolina—November 6, 1856; February 3, 1857.

Texas—June 22, 1857; June 22, 1860.

Vermont—August 14, 1856; August 13, 1857; August 12, 1858; August 11, 1859.

Virginia—December 11, 1856; December 15, 1859.

Wisconsin—February 6, 1856; February 1, 1860.

Canada—April 30, 1857; August 31, 1857.

These proceedings have been examined by the chairman, and he has great pleasure in stating that they exhibit a gratifying condition of prosperity, and, what is more important, of harmony and true fraternal feeling among the Craft around our widely extended land.

An exception to this fraternal feeling might, perhaps, be claimed for the tone of the report of the Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana; which report purports to have been submitted by Companion J. Q. A. Fellows, Deputy Grand High Priest, but is not signed at all. This report takes up the cudgel for the Grand Chapter of Illinois, and says it "was more sinned against than sinning," in its attack upon and controversy with that of Pennsylvania. The Companion who wrote the Louisiana report seems to have lost sight of the fact that that controversy had been settled to the satisfaction of the whole Craft by the complete vindication of our Grand Chapter, and the candid retraction of that of Illinois of her charges, and abandonment of her mistaken position towards us. He launches into an ill-considered and irate attack upon this Grand Chapter, exhibiting a very unfraternal resentment, founded, so far as appears, on the fact which he alleges, that the Grand Chapter of Louisiana has not been regularly furnished with copies of the proceedings of our Grand Chapter from year to year.

The policy, thus far consistently pursued by our Grand Chapter, of refraining from frequent or extended publications of its proceedings, or of documents of a controversial character, continues to receive also the disapprobation of others of our sister

Grand Chapters, but their animadversions are all couched in more respectful and fraternal language than those of our Companions of Louisiana.

In all the arguments and criticisms in these documents, we find nothing to change our conviction of the soundness and wisdom of our ancient policy in refraining, as far as practicable, from extended publication, or entering into public controversy on Masonic subjects.

At the same time, we regret to see complaint coming from a number of our sister Grand Chapters, that they do not receive even our Grand Secretary's report of our annual elections, and proceedings immediately consequent thereon. This, we think, and respectfully suggest, should be remedied at once, and that such report should regularly and punctually be sent to every Grand Chapter with which we are in correspondence.

No other subject has been found in these documents demanding the especial attention of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE GRISCOM,
Chairman.

Past Grand High Priest Companion Daniel Thompson asked, when a Companion was suspended from a Mark Lodge for non-payment of dues, how he should regain membership in the Chapter to which he formerly belonged?

The M. E. Grand High Priest decided that he must apply by petition, in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Chapter governing such cases.

Past Grand High Priest Companion Hunter, of Maine, honored the Grand Chapter with a visit, and was received with the accustomed honors.

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May 20, 1861.

Companion HARMAN YERKES, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Printed proceedings were received from the following Grand Chapters, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: Alabama, Canada, South Carolina, Florida, Indiana, New Jersey, Maine, Ohio, Vermont and Wisconsin.

The Committee appointed on the communication from Mountain Chapter, No. 196, made the following report:

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members
of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :*

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, held at Pottsville, asking for instructions in the case of Brother J. A. L. T——, the present Master of his Lodge, and an applicant for the Chapter degrees, respectfully report, that they have given the subject their most attentive consideration; the question involving a most important principle—the right of a member to object to a candidate who has presented a petition in due form, which has been referred to the proper Committee, who have reported favorably, and their report accepted and the Committee discharged, and the candidate balloted for and duly approved, has been introduced since February 2, 1857, based on a report made to the Grand Lodge on a case presented by Lodge No. 52; which report, so far as it goes, no one will object to. But it stops in the middle of the question, and does not point out the course to be pursued, leaving an opening for different constructions to be placed upon it, [although the chairman of that Committee has said, verbally, that on an objection after a favorable ballot, a Committee should be appointed to investigate into it.]

The question is, When is the time of unanimous approval? According to the views of some, it remains open to objection until the candidate is actually initiated. This, to your Committee, seems to be a forced construction; for according to the old Regulations of the Grand Lodge of England, of more than a century back, it is thus stated in Regulation VI: "No man can be entered a brother in any particular Lodge, or admitted a member thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of that Lodge *then present when the candidate is proposed and when their consent is formally asked by the Master.*" This Regulation was altered by the Grand Lodge of England on the 19th of February, 1723 or 1724, as follows: "But it was found inconvenient to insist upon unanimity in several cases, and, therefore, the Grand Masters have allowed the Lodges to admit a member if not above three ballots are against him."

From the above, it seems to your Committee to be clearly evident the ordeal for unanimity is the time when the ballot is taken, when every member has the power (and a tremendous power it is) to reject the applicant; it either was his own fault

or his misfortune, if he was not present to do it ; but, even under those circumstances, he has his remedy—by bringing charges, if the brother is unworthy, and having him expelled ; but if the simple objection is allowed to be sufficient to prevent the degrees being conferred upon the candidate, he is in a worse position than if he had been black-balled ; for in the case of a black ball, the Regulations provide for a second ballot, and even for a third ; but there is no provision in the Regulations for a candidate who has been stopped after a favorable report and unanimous ballot. What is the emphatic language of the High Priest under these circumstances ? “ It is with pleasure I confirm the report of the M. E. King and Scribe ; Brother — is deemed worthy of having the prayer of his petition granted, and becoming a member of the Chapter,” fully satisfying the minds of your Committee that formerly it was not contemplated such a case could occur.

Entertaining these views, your Committee offer the following resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That whenever a candidate for the Chapter degrees has presented an application in due form, which has been referred to the proper Committee, who have reported favorably, their report accepted, and the Committee discharged, and the candidate balloted for and duly approved, but, before he actually receives the degree, a member arises and objects to his receiving them, it shall be required of the objector to state his reasons ; when, if a *majority* of the *members then present sustain him*, the candidate cannot receive the degrees ; but if the objector refuse to give his reasons, then such objection shall be disregarded.

On motion, the report was accepted.

The resolution was then taken up for consideration. After considerable discussion, the whole subject was postponed until the next Quarterly Grand Communication in August next, the Companions to be notified and the report of Committee printed for the use of the members.

It having been stated by the High Priest of Mountain Chapter, No. 196, that all objections were removed to Brother J. A. L. T— taking the Chapter degrees, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the objector having withdrawn his objections, Chapter No. 196 be authorized to proceed in conferring the degrees upon Brother T—.

August 19, 1861.

Companion HARMAN YERKES, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The report of Committee on Appeal from Mountain Chapter, No. 196, laid over from last quarterly meeting, was taken up for consideration, having been read by the Secretary, and the resolution attached thereto being re-read.

And after some discussion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed, and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

November 18, 1861.

Companion JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand King*, as *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The printed proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the State of Iowa, Kentucky and Connecticut were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

M. E. Grand High Priest Companion Harman Yerkes, on account of ill health, declined a reelection.

The following Companions were elected to their respective offices:

Comp. JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE W. WOOD, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ PETER WILLIAMSON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 27, 1861.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand Scribe*, as *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Companion Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, M. E. Grand High Priest elect, being absent on account of sickness, Past Grand High Priest Companion Ed. P. Lescure took the chair, and installed—

Comp. GEORGE W. WOOD,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ PETER WILLIAMSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

February 7, 1862.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand King*, as *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that the Grand Chapter had been called together for the purpose of installing the M. E. Grand High Priest elect.

Companion Past Grand High Priest Daniel Thompson then took the chair, and installed Companion JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON *M. E. Grand High Priest*, in ancient and solemn form, in the presence of High Priests only, who had received the degree of High Priest, and received the congratulations of the Companions.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then made the following appointments:

Comp.	PETER A. KEYSER,	.	Grand Captain of the Host.
"	CHARLES M. HOWELL,	.	Grand Principal Sojourner.
"	HENRY J. WHITE,	.	Grand Holy R. A. Captain.
"	AB. MILLER, (of Easton,).	.	Grand Captain 3d Vail.
"	GEORGE ALKINS,	.	Grand Captain 2d Vail.
"	ALFRED R. POTTER,	.	Grand Captain 1st Vail.
"	HARMAN BAUGH,	.	Grand Marshal.
"	WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER,	.	Grand Tyler.
"	JOHN L. YOUNG,	.	Grand Pursuivant.
"	ALFRED T. JONES,	.	S. G. Master of Ceremonies.
"	JOSEPH H. HEDGES,	.	J. G. Master of Ceremonies.
"	Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS,		
"	" H. W. DUCACHET,		
"	" WILLIAM H. REESE,		
"	" BEVERLY R. VAUGH,		
"	" DANIEL WASHBURN,		
"	" JOHN F. WILBUR,		
"	" JOSEPH CASTLE,		
"	" ROBERT W. OLIVER,		
"	" THOMAS K. CONRAD,		
"	GEORGE GRISCOM,		
"	CHARLES GILPIN,		
"	J. ALEX. SIMPSON,		
"	WILLIAM H. ADAMS,		
"	GEORGE H. ASHTON,		
"	JOHN RUTHERFORD,		

Comp. JOSEPH S. RILEY,	}	Com. on Accounts.
“ JAMES SIMPSON,		
“ WILLIAM ENGLISH,	}	Com. on Work.
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY,		
“ JOHN THOMSON,	}	
“ DAVID C. SKERRETT,		
“ ROBERT FRAZER,		
“ DANIEL THOMPSON,		

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

No.

1. Comp. ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Lancaster, Franklin and Lebanon.
2. “ GEORGE H. McCABE, of Tamaqua, for the counties of Schuylkill and Berks.
3. “ WILLIAM R. OTIS, of Mauch Chunk, for the counties of Carbon and Northampton.
4. “ RICHARD A. OAKFORD, of Scranton, for the counties of Luzerne, Wyoming and Susquehanna.
5. “ ROBERT C. SIMPSON, of Wellsboro, for the counties of Tioga and Bradford.
6. “ JOHN K. ROBBINS, of Catawissa, for the counties of Columbia, Montour and Northumberland.
7. “ H. T. BEARDSLEY, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton, Lycoming and Centre.
8. “ E. H. TURNER, of Altoona, for the counties of Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon and Mifflin.
9. “ ALFRED CREIGH, of Washington, for the counties of Washington, Fayette and Greene.
10. “ THOMAS DAVAGE, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Westmoreland, Beaver and Armstrong.
11. “ WILLIAM F. OWEN, of Conneautville, for the counties of Crawford and Erie.

February 17, 1862.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand King*, as *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

A communication was received from Companion W. N. F—, appealing from the decision of District Deputy Grand High Priest

E. H. T—, in Chapter 189, held at Altoona, in relation to the installation of a Companion as High Priest of said Chapter who, it is alleged, had ceased to be a member of a Blue Lodge the constitutional period; which was referred to a Committee of three, consisting of Companions Isaac Van Houghten, Henry J. White and Samuel C. Perkins.

The Committee on Constitution reported (verbally) progress and were continued.

May 19, 1862.

Companion J. L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Companion W. N. F— made a report, which, with the following resolution, was adopted:

Resolved, The decisions of the District Deputy Grand High Priest T— that Brother P— was a member of Mountain Chapter six months after he had ceased to be a member of Mountain Lodge, and that he was eligible to office in the Chapter because he had been installed Treasurer of the Chapter, were erroneous.

The Committees on Work and on Constitution reported progress and were continued.

The Committee on Work was, on motion, extended to six members, and Companion Baugh was added.

The following resolution was offered by Companion Potts, and, on motion, was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act:

Resolved, By the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, that the lately introduced practice of the Grand Chapter, in giving to the recently initiated subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction charters not having on them the ancient emblems of the Order—the representation of the Ark of the Covenant, the double triangle and the keystone—is a departure of one of the most ancient usages and customs of the Order, and has a direct tendency to destroy the uniformity of Royal Arch Masonry. And in order that the ancient usages and customs of the Order may be retained and maintained, and that this Masonic heresy may be removed entirely.

August 18, 1862.

Companion J. L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted, to wit:

Whereas, By the report of the special Committee upon the application of Companion F—— from the decision of District Deputy Grand High Priest T——, it appears that Companion P——, at the time of his election, was not and is not now a member of that Chapter; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter declares that Companion P—— is not a member of Chapter No. 189, he not being a member of that Chapter at the time of his election.

Printed proceedings were received from the following sister Grand Chapters and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, to wit: Grand Chapters of Connecticut, California, Maine, Indiana, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island.

The Committee on Work reported progress and were continued.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations reported progress and were continued.

November 17, 1862.

Companion J. L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The following report was read from the Committee on Work, Companion Joseph S. Riley, to wit:

The Committee on Chapter Work conceive that they have not had any thing special committed to them or referred by the Grand Chapter which requires them to make a formal report.

The view they take of their appointment is, that they are a standing, living body, to which any conflict or doubts between the members of our organization about what the true work is should be referred to the Committee for settlement, and there the matter ends.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH S. RILEY,
Chairman.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

This being the evening set apart for the election of officers, the Grand Chapter proceeded to a ballot, when the following Companions were declared duly elected for the ensuing Masonic year:

Comp. J. L. HUTCHINSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
" GEORGE W. WOOD,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" PETER WILLIAMSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made a statement in relation to an application for a warrant for a Chapter on the Levant.

On motion duly made, and seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

December 27, 1862.

Companion JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

So much of the minutes of November 17 last, as related to the election of officers, were read and approved.

Past Grand High Priest Daniel Thompson took the chair.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON was duly installed *M. E. Grand High Priest*.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—

Comp. GEO. W. WOOD	was installed	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	" .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" PETER WILLIAMSON,	" .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WM. H. ADAMS,	" .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The following appointments of the M. E. Grand High Priest were read by the Grand Secretary, to wit:

Comp. PETER A. KEYSER,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
" JOSEPH H. HEDGES,	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
" HENRY J. WHITE,	.	.	<i>Grand Holy R. A. Captain.</i>
" ABRAHAM MILLER,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
" GEORGE ALKINS,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
" ALFRED R. POTTER,	.	.	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
" HARMAN BAUGH,	.	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>

Comp. JOHN L. YOUNG, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ CHARLES R. ABBOTT, . . .	<i>S. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ WILLIAM M. IRELAND, . . .	<i>J. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
“ Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS,	
“ “ W. H. ODENHEIMER,	
“ “ DANIEL WASHBURN,	
“ “ JOSEPH CASTLE,	
“ “ JOHN F. WILBUR,	
“ “ H. W. DUCACHET,	
“ “ Jos. J. ELSEGOOD,	
“ “ W. H. REESE, . . .	
“ “ ROBERT W. OLIVER,	
“ “ THOMAS K. CONRAD,	
“ “ JAMES McGOWAN,	
“ GEORGE GRISCOM, . . .	
“ CHARLES GILPIN, . . .	
“ J. ALEX. SIMPSON, . . .	
“ WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	
“ GEORGE H. ASHTON, . . .	
“ JOHN RUTHERFORD, JR.,	
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .	
“ JAMES SIMPSON, . . .	
“ WILLIAM H. ENGLISH,	
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .	
“ JOHN THOMSON, . . .	
“ DAVID C. SKERRETT,	
“ ROBERT FRAZER, . . .	
“ DANIEL THOMPSON, . . .	
“ HARMAN BAUGH, . . .	

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

District No. 1.—Companion ROBERT A. LAMBERTON.
 District No. 2.—Companion GEORGE H. McCARE.
 District No. 3.—Companion GEORGE SWEENEY.
 District No. 4.—Companion EDWARD P. KINGSBURY.
 District No. 5.—Companion ROBERT C. SIMPSON.
 District No. 6.—Companion JOHN K. ROBBINS.
 District No. 7.—Companion H. T. BEARDSLEY.
 District No. 8.—Companion ALEXANDER M. LLOYD.

District No. 9.—Companion ALFRED CREIGH.
 District No. 10.—Companion THOMAS DAVIDGE.
 District No. 11.—Companion WILLIAM F. OWEN.

February 16, 1863.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand King*, as *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The question being asked by a Companion, the M. E. Grand High Priest decided: That a brother applying to a Chapter for the Most Excellent Exaltation and Membership must be a Past Master *when he signs the application*.

The Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence read a report; on motion, the report was adopted, and the same directed to be printed and a copy sent to the various Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter, likewise a copy to be forwarded to each of the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

*To the M. E. the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania,
 Holy Royal Arch Masons:*

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that since their last report there have been referred to this Committee, and received by them from the M. E. Grand Secretary, reports and communications from nineteen Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of other jurisdictions, as follows:

ALABAMA.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, at the Annual Convocation in the city of Montgomery, commencing December 4, 1860.

CALIFORNIA.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the Eighth Annual Convocation, held at Sacramento, commencing May 9, 1861.

CALIFORNIA.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the Ninth Annual Convocation, in the city of San Francisco, commencing on the 8th of May, 1862, together with the transactions of the Grand Convention of High Priests.

CONNECTICUT.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut, at the Annual Convocation in New Haven, held May 8, 1861.

CONNECTICUT.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut, at the Annual Convocation in New Haven, May 13, 1862.

CANADA.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, at a Special Convocation, held at Kingston, July 12, 1859. Also of the Third Annual Convocation, held at Hamilton, C. W., February 8, 1860, and likewise of an Especial Convocation, held at Ottamer, July 18, 1860.)

CANADA.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, at the Fifth Annual Convocation, held at the city of London, on the 10th of February, 1862.

FLORIDA.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at the Annual Convocation in Tallahassee, January 9, 1860, and of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Florida, January, 1860.

INDIANA.—Proceedings of the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana, held at Indianapolis, May 22, 1859.

INDIANA.—Proceedings of the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana, held at La Fayette, May 21, 1861.

INDIANA.—Proceedings of the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, held at Indianapolis, May 31, 1862.

IOWA.—Transactions of the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa, at the Eighth Grand Annual Convocation, held at Davenport, June 10, 1861.

KENTUCKY.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, at a Grand Annual Communication, in the city of Louisville, on the 21st and 22d of October, 1861.

LOUISIANA.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana, at the Fourteenth Annual Convocation, in the city of New Orleans, February 12, 1861.

MAINE.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine, at the Annual Convocation, in Portland, May, 1860.

MAINE.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine, at the Annual Convocation, held at Portland, May, 1862.

MAINE.—Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maine, as revised, adopted and amended, May, 1861, with the Act of Incorporation, Rules for the Charity Fund, Ritual for Installation, &c.

MARYLAND and DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia,

at the Annual Communication, held November 11, 1861, in the city of Washington.

MISSISSIPPI.—Proceedings of the Fifteenth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in the city of Jackson, January 15 and 16, 1861.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, from December 11, 1860, to September 10, 1861, inclusive.

NEW YORK.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, at its annual meeting, February, 1861.

NEW YORK.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, at its annual meeting, February, 1862.

NEW YORK.—Report of the Special Committee of the Chapter of New York, on the present condition of our country, dated Albany, February 7, 1861.

NEW JERSEY.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of New Jersey, at the Fourth Annual Convocation, in the city of Trenton, September 12, 1860.

NEW JERSEY.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of New Jersey, at the Special and Fifth Annual Convocation, held at Trenton, February 13, and September 11, 1861, and the Proceedings at the formation of a Council of High Priests.

OHIO.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Ohio, at the Forty-fifth Annual Communication, October 12, 1860.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, at its Annual Grand Convocation, Charleston, February 14, 1860.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Accompanying this pamphlet from South Carolina is a printed circular from Companion Ebenezer Thayer, Grand Secretary, dated Charleston, September 15, 1860, requesting an acknowledgment of its reception, explaining the delay in its publication, and that, on account of frequent complaints at the non-reception of their "Proceedings" of former years, he has adopted this plan.

VERMONT.—Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, at its Annual Session, at Poultney, Vt., August 9, 1860.

WISCONSIN.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Wisconsin, at its Annual Convocation, at the city of Milwaukee, February 6, 1861.

WISCONSIN.—Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Wisconsin, at its Annual Convocation, at Milwaukee, February 5, 1862.

CALIFORNIA acknowledges receipt of our Proceedings of 1860, and criticises them in complaints that it is impossible for them to give a *review* of our Proceedings, or to tell the number of our subordinate Chapters, or of our members. That we persist in silence, and “place, as it were, a seal upon all questions of interest,” &c., but notwithstanding, they very highly eulogize Companion Parke’s address.

CANADA.—The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Canada acknowledges reception of our Proceedings of 1860, and eulogizes Companion Parke’s address in high terms. It also quotes from the report of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with strong approbation of our policy in abstaining from extended Masonic publications, and from public controversy on Masonic topics.

CONNECTICUT acknowledges receipt of our Proceedings of 1860, and refers to, and quotes from, Companion Parke’s address with approval and admiration. They also quote from the report of our Committee of Correspondence, on the subject of Masonic publications.

INDIANA, IOWA, MARYLAND and DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, and NEW YORK, make the same acknowledgment in fraternal terms.

Accompanying the Proceedings of 1861, from the Grand Chapter of New York, is a separately printed report of the Committee of that Grand Chapter “on the present condition of the country,” in which that most delicate and difficult subject is treated in a calm, temperate and patriotic as well as truly Masonic spirit and style. Appended to the report are the two resolutions adopted by that Grand Chapter, as follows :

Resolved, That while we deplore the present unhappy condition of our beloved country ; and while, as American citizens, we would, under all proper and becoming circumstances, pledge “our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor” to maintain the “Union and the Constitution,” and uphold the Government of the United States ; and while we should, as good men and Masons, earnestly labor, by the use of all legitimate means, to avert that great calamity, civil war—yet, as direct official action on these subjects might be misconstrued as an improper interference with the for-

bidden subject of politics, or the intermeddling with the matters of State, we, as a Grand Chapter, refrain from further action.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter affectionately and earnestly recommend to the Masonic fraternity throughout the land, in this day of national calamity and excited feeling, that they cherish in their hearts and exemplify in their lives the cardinal principles of Free Masonry, viz.: Fraternity, Brotherly Love, and Universal Charity; and thus, by precept and example, soothe irritated feeling, allay sectional animosity and prejudice, and thereby bring, legitimately and fairly, the great Masonic fraternity, with its moral and conservative principles and power, to second the efforts of patriotism, in seeking to avert national disintegration and calamity.

The report and resolutions were adopted.

JOHN O. COLE,

Grand Secretary.

The report is signed by Companions D. A. Ogden, A. Trowbridge, A. Skinner, Royal G. Millard, and James McCredie.

The Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey (1861) return their sincere thanks to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for sending them our Proceedings, with Companion Parke's address.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—In the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina for 1860 is an address by Companion Albert G. Mackey, in which he takes ground strongly in favor of a General Grand Chapter of the United States, and of certain amendments to its Constitution, proposed by Companion Pike, at the Convocation of 1853, at Lexington, Ky. From this address it appears, that, at a Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Chicago, (1860?) a Committee of General Grand Officers was appointed, to meet at Washington City on the 2d of April, 1861, to determine what is the true system of Royal Arch Work. The deplorable events which have upheaved the political and social life of our country since that time render it unnecessary to say that the action contemplated in that movement has not been consummated.

WISCONSIN.—The report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin speaks in kind and complimentary language of our Grand Chapter.

In the proceedings of the other Grand Chapters we have found nothing directly in reference to that of Pennsylvania; but in conclusion, we are gratified and rejoiced to find pervading all the proceedings which have been submitted for our revision a spirit of harmony and fraternal feeling, as well as an appropriate zeal in the cause of our Holy Order, which augurs well for its continued benign influence even under the dark cloud of affliction which has been permitted to overshadow our land.

Circumstances, beyond the control of your Committee, under which this report is hastily prepared, render it impracticable to attempt even a general notice of the many other topics of interest which are ably and eloquently discussed in them, and we can only at present reciprocate by wishing for our Companions everywhere the blessing of Divine Providence, and fraternally acknowledging the kindness and courtesy manifested in all their communications.

GEORGE GRISCOM,
CHARLES GILPIN,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
Committee.

On motion, the Committee on Constitution be requested to make a report at the next Quarterly Communication.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Work be convened for the purpose of rehearsing the work, and that they report to the Grand High Priest, in order to convene the Grand Chapter to exemplify the same.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That each Chapter in this jurisdiction appoint one delegate, to be present at the next communication, to be instructed in the work as it will be exemplified for that purpose ; and further, that the travelling expenses of said delegate be paid by the Grand Chapter.

April 7, 1863.

Companion JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had convened the Grand Chapter agreeably to a request of the Companions, as per

resolution passed at the Quarterly Communication held February 16 last, for the exemplification of the work.

The following Companions then presented their commissions as representatives, (Chapters No. 3, 52, 91, 169, 175 and 183 being represented by members:) Companions Charles M. Howell, Chapter No. 43; Alexander Weishert, No. 150; F. P. Heller, No. 152; H. B. McKean, No. 161; J. H. Hopkins, No. 162; William L. Lafferty, No. 164; C. L. Long, No. 167; James M. Porter, No. 173; John Heyer, No. 171; Henry Huhn, No. 177; James Houston, No. 181; James P. Dennis, No. 182; B. S. Kellog, No. 185; John Suthard, No. 186; Charles J. Mann, No. 189; Samuel Brown, Jr., No. 190; Pearson Church, No. 191; John H. Bailey, No. 193; Robert C. Simpson, No. 194; J. J. Blair, No. 197; and A. J. Vanderslice, No. 198.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then announced that the Committee would now proceed to the exemplification of the work.

The Grand Chapter then closed.

The Mark degree was exemplified by the Committee with the following officers:

Comp. HARMAN BAUGH,	<i>Worshipful Master.</i>
“ DAVID C. SKERRETT,	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
“ GEORGE W. WOOD,	<i>Junior Warden.</i>
“ DANIEL THOMPSON,	<i>Master Inspector.</i>
“ CHRISTIAN STOLZ,	<i>Senior Inspector.</i>
“ J. ATLEE WHITE,	<i>Junior Inspector.</i>
“ ROBERT FRAZER,	<i>Conductor.</i>

In the Most Excellent degree:

Comp. ROBERT FRAZER,	<i>M. E. Master.</i>
“ D. C. SKERRETT,	<i>M. E. Senior Warden.</i>
“ GEORGE W. WOOD,	<i>M. E. Junior Warden.</i>
“ HARMAN BAUGH,	<i>Conductor.</i>

In the Royal Arch degree:

Comp. DAVID C. SKERRETT,	<i>M. E. High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE W. WOOD,	<i>M. E. King.</i>
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	<i>M. E. Scribe.</i>
“ ROBERT FRAZER,	<i>Zerubbabel.</i>
“ HARMAN BAUGH,	<i>Principal Sojourner.</i>

(Also Captain of the Vails.)

“ DANIEL THOMPSON,	<i>R. A. Captain.</i>
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May 18, 1863.

Companion **GEORGE W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand King*, as *M. E. Grand High Priest*,** presiding.

Printed proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Oregon for 1861, 1862, and New Jersey for 1862, were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

On motion of Companion John Thomson, it was *Resolved*, That the different Chapters, Most Excellent and Mark Lodges, are hereby directed to conform to the work as adopted by this Grand Chapter, at the meetings held June 21 and 22, 1858.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations of Royal Arch Masonry presented their report, with the following resolution ; which was adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and made the special order for the stated Quarterly Communication in August, and that the Committee be continued, with instructions to have a sufficient number of copies of the report printed to send a copy to each member of the Grand Chapter, and to each Chapter and each Most Excellent and Mark Masters' Lodge under this jurisdiction, and that the Grand Secretary see to said copies being sent.

The Committee appointed on Crown, Mitre, &c., asked for instructions, when the following resolution was adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the Committee on Work have power to procure mitre, crown and turban for the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, to conform to those on the jewels as adopted in 1858.

August 17, 1863.

Companion **J. L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.**

A communication was read from Lackawanna Chapter, No. 185, setting forth the loss of their charter and regalia by fire ; when, on motion duly made, and seconded, it was ordered that they be furnished with a certified copy of the warrant, attested by the present Grand Officers.

The following was read, approved, and directed to be sent to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations :

Whereas, The inefficiency and want of zeal which too often

characterizes the Chapters under this jurisdiction, may with much confidence be attributed to the low charge of the monthly dues, in many cases totally inadequate to the accomplishment of the objects of their charter; therefore,

Resolved, That no Chapter be hereafter chartered with privilege to charge less than twenty-five cents per month for each member, and those which are in the practice at the present time of charging a less sum, be directed to raise the same to the aforesaid price.

On motion of Companion Riley, it was *Resolved*, That in consequence of the disturbed state of the country, and the absence of one of the members of the Committee on Constitution, the Committee ask for a special meeting to consider the Constitution, Rules, &c.

October 19, 1863.

Companion J. L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

This special Grand Communication was held for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules, &c.; which being printed, was distributed among the members.

The report was then read, and, with sundry amendments, was approved and adopted as far as Article XIV inclusive, when the Grand Chapter was closed until November 2, 1863.

November 2, 1863.

Companion J. L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitution, &c., was resumed, and, after sundry amendments, was adopted.

[NOTE.—This Constitution is the one under which the Grand Chapter is now working; as all the Chapters are in possession of copies of it, it has been omitted here.]

On motion of Companion Riley, it was *Resolved*, That the Constitution, ceremonial charges, prayers and forms reported by the Committee, as amended by the Grand Chapter, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, to go into effect on and after the 27th of December, 1863, A. L. 5863.

November 16, 1863.

Companion J. L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was received and read, for a new Chapter at York; which was referred to the Grand Officers, with full power to act.

This being the night set apart for the election of officers, the Grand Chapter proceeded to a ballot, when the following were elected:

Comp. GEO. W. WOOD,	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ GEO. GRISCOM,	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ PETER WILLIAMSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 28, 1863.

Companion J. L. HUTCHINSON, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

On motion of Companion S. C. Perkins, the resolution that the Constitution go into effect on and after St. John's Day, 1863, was reconsidered; and the motion to amend, that with the exception of the First Article it go into effect on and after St. John's Day, 1863, and that Article First shall not go into effect until St. John's Day, 1864, was adopted.

So much of the minutes of November 16 last as related to the election of officers were read and approved.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion GEORGE W. WOOD was duly installed *M. E. Grand High Priest.*

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when—

Comp. S. C. PERKINS was installed .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ GEORGE GRISCOM, “ .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ PETER WILLIAMSON, “ .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WM. H. ADAMS, “ .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

The *M. E. Grand High Priest* announced the following appointments:

Comp. PETER A. KEYSER,	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ JOSEPH H. HEDGES,	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ HENRY J. WHITE,	<i>Grand H. R. A. Captain.</i>

Comp. ALFRED R. POTTER, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>
“ ED. MUSSER, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>
“ WM. M. IRELAND, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>
“ HARMAN BAUGH, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ JOHN L. YOUNG, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ CHARLES FRISHMUTH, . . .	<i>S. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ JAMES PALMER, . . .	<i>J. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS,	
“ “ H. W. DUCACHET,	
“ “ W. H. ODENHEIMER,	
“ “ Jos. J. ELSEGOOD,	
“ “ DANIEL WASHBURN,	
“ “ JOSEPH CASTLE,	
“ “ ROBERT W. OLIVER,	
“ “ JOHN F. WILBUR,	
“ “ THOMAS K. CONRAD,	
“ “ JAMES McGOWAN,	
“ W.M. H. ALLEN, . . .	
“ CHARLES GILPIN, . . .	
“ J. ALEX. SIMPSON, . . .	
“ W. H. ADAMS, . . .	
“ GEORGE H. ASHTON, . . .	
“ JOHN RUTHERFORD, JR., . . .	
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .	
“ JAMES SIMPSON, . . .	
“ THOS. D. WATTSON, . . .	
“ JOSEPH S. RILEY, . . .	
“ DAVID C. SKERRETT, . . .	
“ JOHN THOMSON, . . .	
“ DANIEL THOMPSON, . . .	
“ ROBERT FRAZER, . . .	
“ HARMAN BAUGH, . . .	

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Comp. CHARLES M. HOWELL, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster, York and Adams.

“ ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin and Lebanon.

“ GEORGE H. McCABE, of Tamaqua, for the counties of Schuylkill and Berks.

Comp. GEORGE SWEENEY, of Easton, for the counties of Carbon and Northampton.

- “ E. P. KINGSBURY, of Scranton, for the counties of Luzerne, Wyoming and Susquehanna.
- “ ROBERT C. SIMPSON, of Wellshoro, for the counties of Tioga and Bradford.
- “ JOHN K. ROBBINS, of Catawissa, for the counties of Columbia, Montrose and Northumberland.
- “ H. T. BEARDSLEY, of Lock Haven, for the counties of Clinton, Lycoming and Centre.
- “ ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, of Holidaysburg, for the counties of Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon and Mifflin.
- “ THOMAS DAVIDGE, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Beaver, Westmoreland and Armstrong.
- “ Wm. F. OWEN, of Conneautville, for the counties of Crawford and Erie.

February 15, 1864.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced that the Grand Officers had granted the warrant to the Companions at York.

Companion George Griscom, on behalf of the Committee of Correspondence, read a report for the year 1863, which was, on motion, approved and referred back to the Committee, in conjunction with the Grand Officers, to have printed, with a list of the elected and appointed Grand Officers.

Companion Charles A. Bannwart, Past High Priest of Chapter No. 21, at Harrisburg, never having received the degree of Past High Priest, requested the M. E. Grand High Priest to confer the same upon him.

All but Past High Priests having retired, Companion Charles A. Bannwart had his request granted and the degree conferred.

The attention of the Grand Chapter was called by a member to the case of a rejected applicant in No. —, who had been black-balled, in November last, on first ballot, and returned to this Grand Chapter as rejected. This elicited a lengthy discussion, but it was finally

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that the

power of rejection remains in the subordinate Chapters until the second ballot is taken.

And the following amendment was offered to Article XV, Division F, Section 6: Add the following words to the end of the Section—"and that the said second ballot shall be taken within six months from the date of the first rejection."

May 16, 1864.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The amendment to Article XV, Division F, Section 6, of the Constitution proposed at last Grand Communication, was adopted.

The Committee on New Constitution reported that they had had seven hundred and fifty copies of the same printed, of which number they had five hundred copies bound in full scarlet muslin, and the balance were in sheets collated ready for binding when needed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That three bound copies of the new Constitution be sent to each Chapter and Mark Lodge under this jurisdiction, and that the balance of the edition be placed in charge of the Grand Secretary, who is authorized to sell copies of the same at one dollar a piece for the bound, and seventy-five cents each for the unbound copies in sheets.

All those who had not received the degree of Past High Priest having retired, Companion Christian F. Knapp, a Past Grand High Priest of Catawissa Chapter, No. 178, was introduced, and had the degree of Past High Priest conferred upon him.

August 15, 1864.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

Printed communications were received from the following Grand Chapters, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz.: Grand Chapters of Maryland and District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri and Michigan.

November 21, 1864.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

An application was received for a new Chapter, to be held at Columbus, Warren county: which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

Printed proceedings of the following Grand Chapters were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, from the Grand Chapters of Canada, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Indiana and New York.

The following was offered and referred to the Grand Officers, as follows:

Resolved. That no Companion or Brother under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall carry about his person, exposed to view, any Masonic emblem, nor make use of any of them in any form or manner whatever, except for strictly Masonic purposes.

Resolved. That a Companion or Brother offending against this edict, shall, on conviction thereof, for the first offence be reprimanded in open Chapter or Lodge, and on conviction for the second offence he shall be expelled.

Resolved. That every Chapter and Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall furnish a printed copy of this edict to every one of its members.

A petition was received and granted for a Chapter to be held at Columbus, Warren county, Pennsylvania.

This being the evening set apart for the election of officers, the Grand Chapter proceeded to ballot, when the following were elected:

Comp. GEORGE W. WOOD.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" GEORGE GRISCOM,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" PETER WILLIAMSON,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" WILLIAM H. ADAMS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

December 27, 1864.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, *M. E. Grand High Priest*, presiding.

The Committee on Publishing and Binding the New Constitution, having completed their labors, were discharged.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held November 21 as related to the election of officers were read and adopted.

Past Grand High Priest Companion Jeremiah L. Hutchinson took the chair.

All but Grand High Priests having retired, Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, the *M. E. Grand High Priest* elect, was duly installed *M. E. Grand High Priest*, and received the accustomed salutations of the Companions.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted, when the *M. E. Grand High Priest* delivered the annual address.

Comp. S. C. PERKINS was then installed *M. E. Grand King*.

“ GEORGE GRISCOM, “ *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 “ PETER WILLIAMSON, “ *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 “ WILLIAM H. ADAMS, “ *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The *M. E. Grand High Priest* then made the following appointments, viz.:

Comp. PETER A. KEYSER, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>	
“ JOSEPH H. HEDGES, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>	
“ HENRY J. WHITE, . . .	<i>Grand H. R. A. Captain.</i>	
“ ALFRED R. POTTER, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 3d Vail.</i>	
“ EDW. MASSON, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 2d Vail.</i>	
“ WM. M. IRELAND, . . .	<i>Grand Captain 1st Vail.</i>	
“ HARMAN BAUGH, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>	
“ JOHN L. YOUNG, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>	
“ CHAS. FRISHMUTH, . . .	<i>S. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>	
“ JAMES PALMER, . . .	<i>J. G. Master of Ceremonies.</i>	
“ WILLIAM B. SCHNIDER, . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>	
“ Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS,	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ “ H. W. DUCACHET,		
“ “ JOSEPH J. ELSEGOOD,		
“ “ DANIEL WASHBURN,		
“ “ JOSEPH CASTLE,		
“ “ ROBERT W. OLIVER,		
“ “ JOHN F. WILBUR,		
“ “ JAMES McGOWAN,		
“ “ ROBERT H. PATTISON,		
“ W. M. H. ALLEN, . . .	}	<i>Com. of Correspondence.</i>
“ J. ALEX. SIMPSON, . . .		
“ CHAS. GILPIN, . . .		

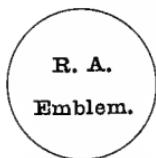
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“ ROBERT FRAZER, .		Com. on Work.
“ JOHN THOMSON, .		
“ HARMAN BAUGH, .		

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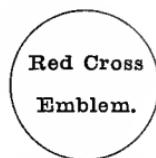
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1. Comp. CHARLES M. HOWELL, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster, York and Lebanon.
2. “ ROBERT L. MUENCH, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin and Adams.
3. “ GEORGE H. McCABE, of Tamaqua, for the counties of Schuylkill and Berks.
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9. “ ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, of Holidaysburg, for the counties of Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon and Mifflin.
10. “ ALFRED CREIGH, of Washington, for the counties of Washington, Fayette and Greene.
11. “ THOMAS DAVIDGE, of Pittsburg, for the counties of Alleghany, Westmoreland, Beaver and Armstrong.
12. “ WILLIAM F. OWEN, of Conneautville, for the counties of Crawford and Erie.

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R. A.
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We, the High Priests and Officers of the Royal Arch Chapter, and King, Governor and General of the Order of Knights of the Red Cross, do hereby certify that the bearer, our true and well-beloved Brother, Ulric Tobler, Past Master of our Lodge, was by us Initiated into that sublime Degree of an *Excellent, Super-Excellent, Royal Arch Mason*, he having with due Honour to all the Royal Community justly supported the amazing Tryals of Skill and Valour attending his admission; after making suitable proficiency in the aforesaid Degree, was by us duly initiated into the Mysteries and regularly dubbed a Knight of the Red Cross. And he having conducted himself like a true and faithful Brother, we affectionately recommend him to all the Fraternity of *ANCIENT MASONs*, round the Globe, wherever assembled.

Done in an illustrious grand Chapter, (under sanction of Lodge No. 42 on the Registry of Pennsylvania,) held in Savannah, Georgia, this 24th day of January, 1786, and in the year of *Royal Arch Masonry* 3786.

(Signed)



THOMAS ELK,
High Priest.
JACOB BRICE,
R. A. Captain.
DAVID SURZEDAS,
BELTHASER SHAFFER,
EDWARD FLOYD,
Grand Masters.
JOHN PEACOCK,
Scribe.

THOMAS ELK,
King.
JACOB BRICE,
Governor.
DAVID SURZEDAS,
General.
JOHN PEACOCK,
Scribe.

**Copy of Form of Recommendation for the Royal Arch Degree,
from Lodge No. 128—1815.**

*To the Presiding Chiefs of the Chapter of Excellent Royal
Arch Masons, held under the sanction of Lodge No. 3:*

Whereas our trusty and well-beloved Brother, Benjamin McConaghey, a geometric Master Mason and member of our Lodge, has solicited us to recommend him as a Master Mason every way qualified, so far as we are judges, of the necessary qualifications for *Passing the Holy Arch*, we do hereby certify that the said Benjamin McConaghey, our trusty and well-beloved Brother, has obtained the consent of our Lodge, No. 128, for the recommendation and signing of this certificate.

Given under our hands and the seal of our Lodge, this 29th day of March, 1815, Anno Lucis, 5815.

(Signed)

HENRY WITMER, W. M.

JOHN HAMEL, S. W.

LUKE BALFE, J. W.

Attest,

Jos. HUTCHINSON,

Secretary.

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